



Yosemite Guide

Where to Go and What to Do in Yosemite National Park

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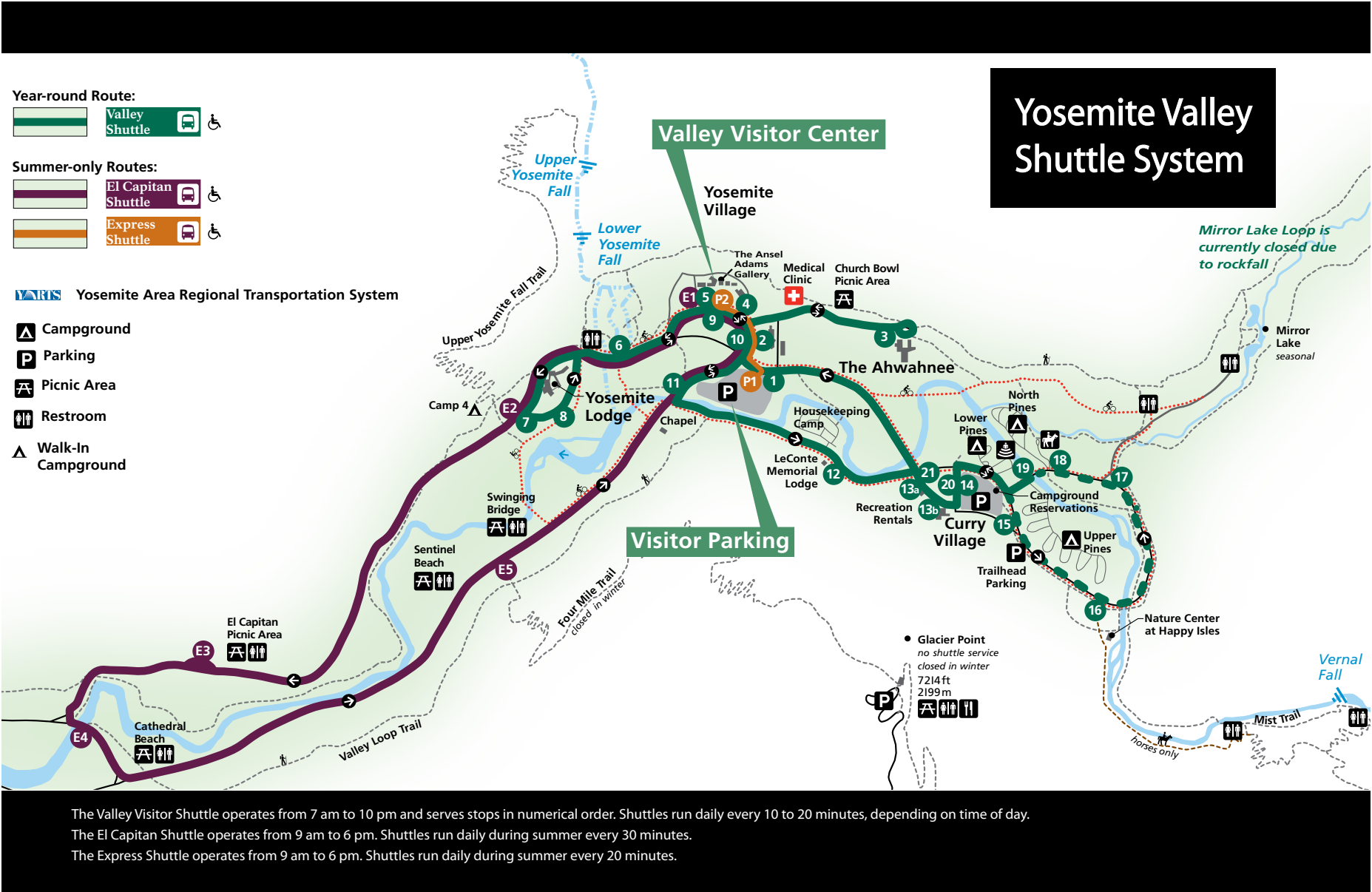
Tuolumne River, Photo by Randy Fong



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1	Visitor Parking	8	Yosemite Lodge	16	Happy Isles
2 10	Yosemite Village	11	Sentinel Bridge	17	Mirror Lake Trailhead
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4	Degnan's Deli	13a 21	Recreation Rentals	19	Pines Campgrounds
5 9 E1	Valley Visitor Center	13b	Curry Village	E3	El Capitan Picnic Area
6	Lower Yosemite Fall	14 20	Curry Village Parking	E4	El Capitan Bridge
7 E2	Camp 4	15	Upper Pines Campground	E5	Four Mile Trailhead

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Seasonal Highlights

Keep this Guide with you to get the most out of your trip to Yosemite National Park

What do you want to do with your special time in Yosemite? In the height of summer, the possibilities are endless. Whether you want to get your heart rate up with a strenuous hike, read a book in a quiet spot, have a picnic, or just hang out, the river is a great place so start.

Learn More about the Tuolumne River

Love the river? Now is a great time to get involved in the future management of this special place. Check out our website for information on the Tuolumne River Plan: www.nps.gov/yose/parkmgmt/trp.htm.

Walk to a Waterfall

Yosemite Valley is famous for its awe-inspiring waterfalls; each as distinct as the granite cliffs they dive over. Enjoy the water from a distance! Swiftly moving water, especially above Yosemite’s famous waterfalls, is dangerous.

Visit the other valley, Hetch Hetchy
“Almost an exact counterpart of the Yosemite. . . a visit to its counterpart may be recommended, if it be only to see how curiously nature has repeated herself.”
-Josiah D. Whitney.

Hetch Hetchy provides spectacular vistas, waterfalls, and early season hiking. (See page 2 for a park map and area information.)

Explore a Sequoia Grove

Meet the most massive trees on earth as you explore a giant sequoia grove. Yosemite is home to three groves—the Mariposa Grove, which contains hundreds of sequoias, and the Tuolumne and Merced Groves, which each hold dozens. (See page 2 for a map of the park.)



Cathedral River Bend, Randy Fong, NPS

Get outside and enjoy your park!

Summer offers easy access to the spectacular Sierra Nevada High Country and the Tuolumne River. Enjoy a hike or a quiet moment in some of the park’s most spectacular wilderness.

Travel Back in Time

Visit Wawona’s Pioneer Yosemite History Center and join “Buckshot” for a horse-drawn stage ride! These 10-minute rides introduce you to an early chapter in Yosemite’s history. Fun for the whole family. (See pages 8 and 9 for history center and other program information.)

Stroll with a Ranger

Learn about the wonders of the park on a ranger-guided stroll. Programs are offered daily throughout the park on a variety of topics including waterfalls, trees, bears, geology, Yosemite Indians

and more. (See area program grids on pages 6, 7, 9, and 11.)

Take a Photography Class

Learn how to best capture the landscape of Yosemite by joining a photography expert from the Ansel Adams Gallery. Several classes are offered each week. Learn more and sign up at the Ansel Adams Gallery located in Yosemite Village at shuttle stops #5 and #9. (See pages 6 and 7 for times and meeting places.)

Discover the Night Sky

Attend the “Starry Skies Over Yosemite

Valley” for a wild ride through the universe to learn about stars, constellations, planets, meteors, and other night sky features, all from the comfort of Yosemite Valley. Sign up at any tour desk. (See page 4 for tour desk locations.)

Go to the Theater

Yosemite Theatre LIVE offers entertainment and inspiration through a variety of live theater performances that bring Yosemite’s history to life. Discover the world of John Muir and other characters from the park’s rich history. (See page 7 for shows and starting times.)

Have Fun with the Family

Learn about Yosemite, meet a park ranger, and have a blast by becoming a Yosemite Junior Ranger or Yosemite Little Cub. Check in with any visitor center to find out how. Stop by the Nature Center at Happy Isles for another great place to explore with the family. (See page 12 for the Jr. Ranger Page.)

Visit the Yosemite Museum

Learn about Yosemite Indians by exploring a museum collection that includes remarkable woven baskets and traditional dress. Tour the outdoor Indian Village or talk with an Indian cultural demonstrator. The Yosemite Museum is located in Yosemite Village at shuttle stops #5 and #9. (See page 5 for museum hours and a list of gallery events and features.

Get Immersed!

Immersion Excursions are two-hour, open-air tram tours that focus on one subject. (See p. 6) These special tours depart Yosemite Lodge at 10:15, Monday-Thursday. Call 209/372-1240 for reservations or more information.

Access for People with Disabilities

Accessible parking, lodging, tours, and activities are available throughout the park.



For a complete list of accessible services, recreational opportunities, and exhibits, pick up an updated Yosemite Accessibility Guide which is available at park entrance stations, visitor centers, and online at www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/accessibility.htm, or call a park Accessibility Coordinator at 209/379-1035 or 209/372-0645 for more information.

Accessible parking spaces are available just west of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. To reach these, enter the Valley on Southside Drive. Turn left on Sentinel Drive. Turn left on Northside Drive, and follow the blue and white signs.



A sign language interpreter may be available for deaf and hard-of-hearing visitors. Please contact the Park Accessibility Coordinator (listed above) to request an interpreter. Advance notice is requested. Assistive Listening Devices are available upon advance request. Inquire at a visitor center.



Audio tours are available for the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center and the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias. Refer to the Accessibility Guide, or contact an Accessibility Coordinator for more information.

Emergency Information

Emergency Dial 911

Medical Clinic (in Yosemite Valley) Open 7 days per week from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM for primary and urgent care needs.
Phone: 209/372-4637

Dental Clinic (In Yosemite Valley) 209/372-4200

For up-to-date road, weather, and park information: 209/372-0200

Sudden changes in weather are common in the Sierra Nevada. Call the number above or check at a visitor center for the most recent weather conditions

Lost and Found

To inquire about items lost or found at one of Yosemite’s restaurants, hotels, lounges, shuttle buses or tour services, call 209/372-4357. For items lost or found in other areas of the park, call 209/379-1001.

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Discover Yosemite

Let your curiosity guide you to new places

Entrance Fees

Reservations are NOT required to enter Yosemite. The park is open year-round, 24 hours/day.

Vehicle	\$20
Valid for 7 days	

Individual	\$10
In a bus, on foot, bicycle, motorcycle, or horse. Valid for 7 days.	

Yosemite Pass	\$40
Valid for one year in Yosemite.	

Interagency Annual Pass \$80
Valid for one year at all federal recreation sites.

Interagency Senior Pass \$10
(Lifetime) For U.S. citizens or
permanent residents 62 and over.

Interagency Access Pass (Free)
(Lifetime) For permanently disabled U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

Reservations

Campground Reservations
877/444-6777
www.recreation.gov

Lodging Reservations
801/559-5000
www.yosemitepark.com

Regional Info

**Yosemite Area Regional
Transportation System (YARTS)**
www.yarts.com

Highway 120 West
Yosemite Chamber of Commerce
800/449-9120 or 209/962-0429

Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau
800/446-1333
www.tcvb.com

Highway 41
Yosemite Sierra Visitors Bureau
559/683-4636
www.yosemitethisyear.com

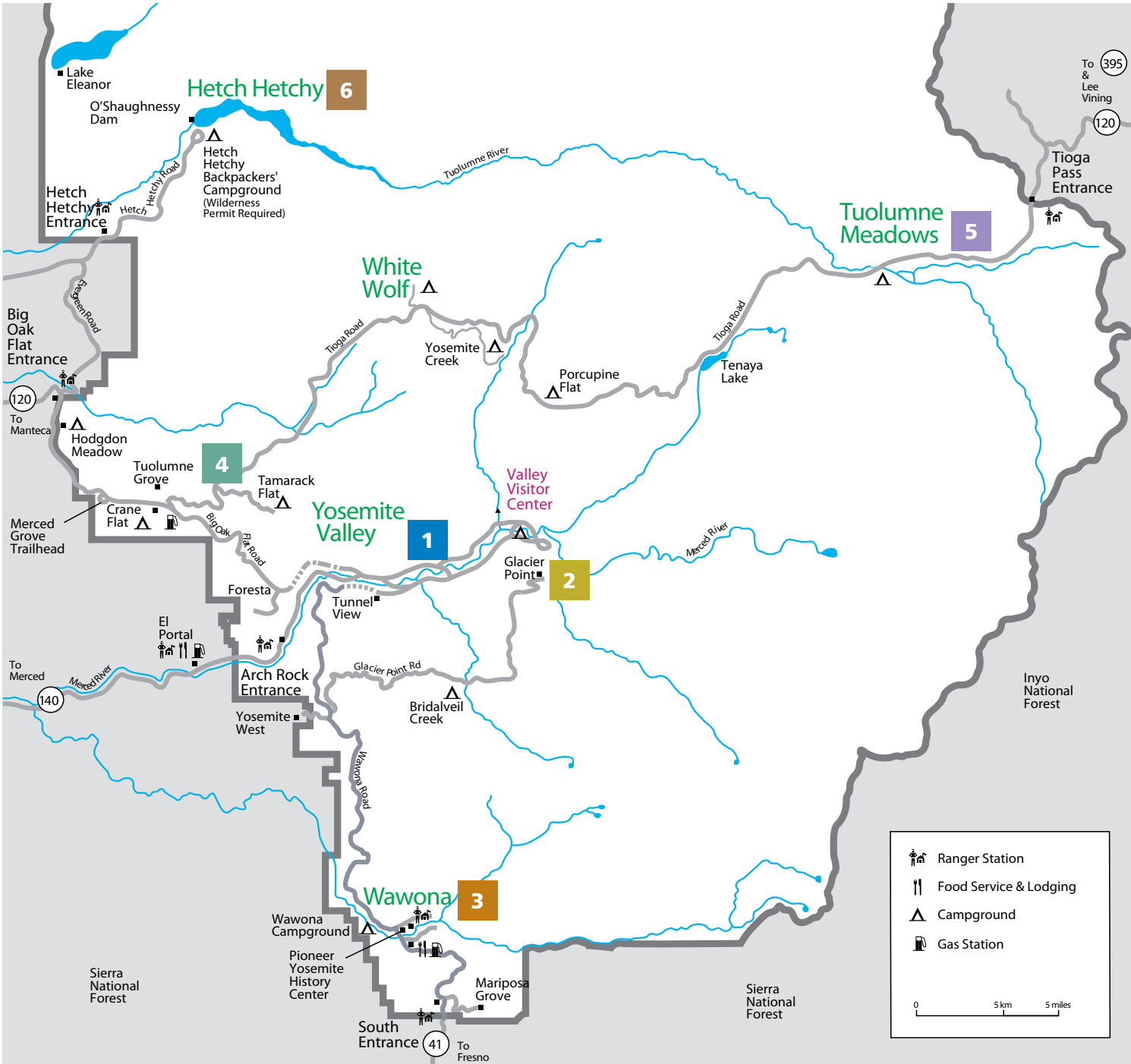
Highway 132/49
Coulterville Visitor Center
209/878-3074

Highway 140/49
Mariposa County Visitor Center
866/425-3366 or 209/966-7081

**Yosemite Mariposa County
Tourism Bureau**
209/742-4567
www.homeofyosemite.com

Highway 120 East
Lee Vining Chamber of
Commerce and Mono Lake
Visitor Center, 760/647-6629
www.leevining.com

Calif. Welcome Center, Merced
800/446-5353 or 209/724-8104
www.yosemite-gateway.org



Yosemite Valley

1 Yosemite Valley, open all year, is world-famous for its impressive waterfalls, cliffs, and unusual rock formations. You can get there via Highway 41/Wawona Road from Fresno, Highway 140/El Portal Road from Merced, Highway 120 west/Big Oak Flat Road from Manteca, and (during summer) via the Tioga Road/Highway 120 east from Lee Vining. Yosemite Valley is home to massive cliff faces like El Capitan and Half Dome, plunging waterfalls including the tallest in North America, and attractive meadows. While Yosemite Falls slows to trickle by August, a moderate hike will bring you to impressive Vernal and Nevada Falls. Walk to Mirror Lake, where you will see reflections of Half Dome. Gaze up at El Capitan, a massive granite monolith that stands 3,593 feet from base to summit. Whether you explore the valley by foot, bike, car, on horseback, raft, or tour, you will behold scenery that will leave you breathless and eager to see what's around the next corner.



Mirror Lake and Mount Watkins. Photo by Christine White Loberg

Glacier Point

2 Glacier Point, an overlook with a commanding view of Yosemite Valley, Half Dome, and the Yosemite’s high country, is located 30 miles (a one-hour drive) from Yosemite Valley or Wawona. To get there from either of these places, take the Wawona Road (Highway 41), to Chinquapin, then turn onto Glacier Point Road. At Glacier Point, a short, paved, and wheelchair-accessible trail takes you to an exhilarating—some might say unnerving—view 3,214 feet down to Yosemite Valley below.



View from Glacier Point. *Photo by Christine White Loberg*

Wawona and Mariposa Grove

3 The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is located 36 miles (1 ¼ hours) south of Yosemite Valley via the Wawona Road (Highway 41), two miles from the park’s South Entrance. The nearby Pioneer Yosemite History Center in Wawona is a collection of historic buildings associated with people and events that shaped the national park idea in Yosemite. Enjoy a horse-drawn stage ride, watch blacksmiths at work at the blacksmith shop, or hike one of the scenic trails. For more information, visit the Wawona Visitor Center at Hill’s Studio, adjacent to the historic Wawona Hotel. This was once a painting studio for the 19th-century artist Thomas Hill. The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is a short drive or help reduce congestion by taking the free shuttle from the Wawona Store.



The Mariposa Grove Museum. *Photo by Pam Meierding*

Tioga Road and Tuolumne Grove

4 Tioga Road offers a 39-mile scenic drive past forests, meadows, lakes, and granite domes. It is usually open from late May or early June through sometime in November. The road’s elevation ranges from 6,200 to nearly 10,000 feet, so it offers an opportunity to experience many of Yosemite’s habitats. The White Wolf area, midway across the park, is the starting point for day hikes to Lukens Lake and Harden Lake. To see giant sequoias, park at the Tuolumne Grove parking area on the Tioga Road, and walk one steep mile down to the grove. Or park at Merced Grove trailhead on Big Oak Flat Road and walk 1.5 steep miles down to the grove. These groves are smaller than the more-famous Mariposa Grove, but are quieter and off-limits to vehicles. Remember: walking down is easier than walking back up.



Cathedral Peak. *Photo by Christine White Loberg*

Tuolumne Meadows

5 Tuolumne Meadows provides a glimpse of the High Sierra. The Wild and Scenic Tuolumne River winds through broad sub-alpine meadows surrounded by even higher granite domes and peaks. It is the jumping off place for countless hikes, whether you venture out for a day or a week. Stop at the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center for information about hiking to Cathedral Lakes, Elizabeth Lake, Dog Lake, Lembert Dome, or along the Tuolumne River through Lyell Canyon. Take advantage of the free shuttle service in Tuolumne Meadows or the Tuolumne Meadows Tour and Hikers’ Bus from Yosemite Valley.



Bridge over the Tuolumne River at Tuolumne Meadows. *Photo by John Sun*

Hetch Hetchy

6 Hetch Hetchy Reservoir, a source of drinking water and hydroelectric power for the city of San Francisco, is also home to spectacular scenery and the starting point for many wilderness trails. Due to its importance as a municipal water supply, no swimming is permitted, however. Hetch Hetchy Reservoir is located 40 miles from Yosemite Valley. The Hetch Hetchy Road is open 7 am to 9 pm May 1 through Labor Day, with reduced hours during the rest of the year. Hetch Hetchy Road is accessible via the Big Oak Flat Road and Evergreen Road and is approximately a 1 ¼-hour drive from Yosemite Valley. Trailers, vehicles over 25 feet long, and RVs and other vehicles over 8 feet wide are not allowed on the narrow, winding Hetch Hetchy Road.



Hetch Hetchy. *Photo by Erik Skindrud*

Did you know?

- Olmsted Point, with it’s jaw-dropping views of Cloud’s Rest and Half Dome, was named after Frederick Law Olmsted, who helped design New York’s Central Park. Olmsted and his son, Frederick Jr., were avid supporters of the National Park idea, and both served as advisors to early park management.
- Much of the extensive trail system around Tuolumne Meadows originated as trade and travel routes used by American Indians. Archeological evidence shows that the Tuolumne Meadows area has been inhabited for at least 6,000 years.
- Tuolumne Meadows is one of the largest sub-alpine meadow ecosystems in the Sierra Nevada. This fragile complex is damaged easily by foot traffic and vehicles. Staying on trails and parking in paved areas helps protect the delicate meadow vegetation.
- The High Sierra is just that: HIGH! Trails in the area begin above 8,000 feet in elevation and often travel to more than 10,000 feet. Be careful for the signs of altitude sickness including dizziness, headache, and nausea. Staying hydrated, acclimating slowly, and getting plenty of rest can help you avoid the effects of altitude sickness.

Yosemite Valley

Spectacular vistas and the heart of the park



The Incomparable Yosemite Valley

Yosemite Valley embraces one of the world’s most outstanding concentrations of waterfalls, granite walls, meadows, wildflowers, and trees. The Valley also harbors a rich collection of human stories, from American Indian lore to the birth of the national park movement.

Yosemite Valley

An unlimited array of possibilities await you in Yosemite Valley. Most involve sightseeing and learning about the scenery. See pages 5, 6, and 7 for more information on program topics and visitor services available.

Ranger Programs

Rangers give walks and talks every day about Yosemite’s natural and cultural history. See pages 6 and 7 for scheduled walks, talks, and evening programs.

Walking and Hiking

From easy walks to Lower Yosemite Fall, Cook’s Meadow, and Mirror Lake to strenuous hikes to the top of Yosemite Falls or Nevada Fall, Yosemite Valley has a wide range of walking and hiking possibilities. See page 17 for a list of hikes.

Bicycling

Several miles of bicycle paths wind through Yosemite Valley. You can use your own bicycle or rent one from Yosemite Lodge or Curry Village. Bikes are only allowed on paved bicycle paths.

Rafting

Rafts are available for rent at Curry Village from 10am to 4pm, river and weather conditions permitting. The last raft rental goes out at 4pm. Call 209/372-8348 for more information.

Tours

Tours listed below depart from Yosemite Lodge. Tours may be weather dependent.

The **Valley Floor Tour** is a 26-mile, two-hour open-air tram tour narrated by a park ranger (weather permitting). The tour departs Yosemite Lodge several times daily.

The **Glacier Point Tour** leaves Yosemite Lodge at 8:30 am, 10 am, and 1:30 pm daily when the Glacier Point Road is open. One-way tickets are available for those who want to hike down from Glacier Point.

The **Grand Tour** includes the Valley, Glacier Point, and the Mariposa Grove. An experienced guide narrates each tour. The tour departs Yosemite Lodge at 8:45 am daily.

Call 209/372-1240 for reservations or inquire at the tour desks at Yosemite Lodge, Yosemite Village, Curry Village, and The Ahwahnee.

Mule & Horseback Rides

Rides begin at the stable near North Pines Campground. Stable hours are 7:00 am to 5 pm daily. Reservations are strongly recommended. For more information or reservations, call 209/372-8348

Sightseeing

Some of Yosemite’s most iconic features are in Yosemite Valley.

- A wet winter and cool spring have kept **Yosemite Falls** running late into summer this year. You can walk to the base or take the strenuous trail to its top (see page 17).
- **Half Dome**, Yosemite’s most distinctive monument, dominates most views in Yosemite Valley. Forces of uplift, erosion from rivers and glaciers, and rockfall all shaped this famous feature into what we see today. Cook’s Meadow, Sentinel Bridge, Tunnel View, and Glacier Point, are just a few locations with stunning views of Half Dome.
- **El Capitan**, a massive granite monolith, stands 3,593 feet from base to summit. From spring to fall, climbers come from all over the globe to scale El Capitan.
- **Happy Isles** is a place to see dramatic natural processes at work. It is easily reached by shuttle at stop #16 or by walking from Curry Village.
- **Tunnel View**, along Wawona Road (Hwy 41) provides a classic view of Yosemite Valley, El Capitan, Half Dome, Sentinel Rock, Cathedral Rocks, and Bridalveil Fall. It is spectacular at sunset or after the clearing of a storm.

Hours listed are core hours for facilities and may be extended during periods of peak visitation. Check local postings for changes to hours of operation.

FOOD & BEVERAGE

Yosemite Village
Degnan’s Loft
12pm-9pm
Degnan’s Delicatessen
7am to 5pm
Degnan’s Cafe, closes at end of business Sept. 5, 2011
11am-6pm
Village Grill
11am to 6pm
The Ahwahnee
Dining Room
Breakfast: 7am to 10:30am
Lunch: 11:30am to 3pm
Dinner: 5:30pm to 9pm
Sunday Grand Brunch: 7am to 3pm
Appropriate attire respectfully required for dinner.
Reservations strongly recommended for dinner and Sunday Brunch. 209/372-1489
Ahwahnee Breakfast Bar
7am to 10:30am
The Ahwahnee Bar
11:30am to 11pm

Yosemite Lodge
Food Court
Breakfast: 6:30am to 11am
Lunch: 11:30am to 2pm
Dinner: 5pm to 9:30pm (Grab and Go only 8:30-9:30pm)
Mountain Room Lounge
Monday – Friday
4:30pm to 11pm
Saturday – Sunday
Noon to 11pm
Mountain Room Restaurant
5:30pm to 9:30pm
Reservations taken for 8 or more. 209/372-1281
Curry Village
Coffee Corner
6am to 10pm
Curry Village Bar
Noon to 10 pm
Pavilion Buffet
Breakfast: 7am to 10am
Dinner: 5:30pm to 8:30pm
Pizza Deck
Noon to 10pm
Taqueria
11am to 6pm
Happy Isles Snack Stand
11am to 7pm

BOOKS, GIFTS, & APPAREL

Yosemite Village
The Ansel Adams Gallery
9am to 6pm
Yosemite Art & Education Center
9am to 4:30pm closed for lunch 12pm to 1pm
Yosemite Bookstore
Inside Yosemite Visitor Center
9am to 7:30pm
Yosemite Museum Store
9am to 5pm
Valley Wilderness Center
7:30am to 5pm
Village Store
8am to 10pm
Habitat Yosemite
10am to 5pm
Sport Shop
9am to 6pm
Ahwahnee
The Ahwahnee Gift Shop
8am to 10pm
The Ahwahnee Sweet Shop
7am to 10pm
Yosemite Lodge
Gift/Grocery
8am to 10pm
Nature Shop
10am to 8pm
Curry Village
Mountain Shop
8am to 8pm
Curry Village Gift/Grocery
8am to 10pm
Nature Center at Happy Isles
Exhibits and store, 10am to 4pm, may close for lunch.

Yosemite Valley

Where to go and what to do



Biking in Yosemite Valley, Photo by Deniene

Valley Visitor Center and Bookstore

Visitor center and bookstore hours are 9 am to 7:30pm. The visitor center is just west of the main post office (shuttle stops #5 and #9). The facility offers information, maps, and books. Explore the exhibits and learn how Yosemite’s landscape formed and how people interact with it.

FILM: SPIRIT OF YOSEMITE

This inspiring visitor-orientation film provides a stunning overview of Yosemite’s splendor. It is shown every 30 minutes, Monday through Saturday between 9:30 am and 5:30 pm, and Sunday between noon to 5:30 pm in the Valley Visitor Center Theater.

Yosemite Museum

Located in Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center.

INDIAN CULTURAL EXHIBIT

Open 9 am to 5 pm. Interprets the cultural history of Yosemite’s Miwok and Paiute people from 1850 to the present.

YOSEMITE MUSEUM STORE

Open daily from 9 am to 5 pm. The store offers books and traditional American Indian arts, crafts, jewelry, and books.

VIEWS & VISITORS: THE YOSEMITE EXPERIENCE IN THE EARLY 20TH CENTURY

This summer the museum gallery exhibit focuses on the Yosemite visitor experience from 1900 to 1946, an era of great change for the park. Photographs, paintings, ephemera, and historic artifacts from that era will be exhibited. Oral histories, digital slide

shows and film footage will supplement the artifacts on exhibit. The exhibit will be open from June 8 to September 30, daily from 9am to 5pm; October 1st to 31st, daily from 10am to noon and 1pm to 4pm.

Ansel Adams Gallery

In Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center, the gallery is open daily from 9 am to 6 pm. The gallery offers the work of Ansel Adams, other photographers and artists, camera walks, workshops, and classes. Activities are listed on the front porch.

August 3rd – August 31st

Exhibit: “Within the Stone” by Bill Atkinson. The show will consist of polished rock photos including newest work, plus a few of the existing favorites.

September 1st- October 26th
Local Artist Penny Otwell. Artist’s Reception October 5th 3-5pm.

Call 209/372-4413, or visit www.anseladams.com.

Wilderness Center

The Valley Wilderness Center is located in Yosemite Village adjacent to the post office. Hours are 7:30 am to 5 pm. Visit the wilderness center to learn about wilderness safety, plan trips, obtain wilderness permits and maps, and rent bear canisters.

Yosemite Art & Education Center

The Yosemite Art & Education Center offers a selection of original art and art supplies, as well as four-hour art

workshops Tuesday through Saturday (see pg. 6). Located south of the Village Store, the Center is open 9 am to noon and 1 pm to 4:30 pm daily.

Nature Center at Happy Isles

Open 10am to 4pm (may close for lunch)through September. Designed for nature-exploring children and their families, the nature center offers natural-history exhibits and a bookstore. The nature center is a short walk from shuttle stop # 16.

Yosemite Theater LIVE

Yosemite Theatre LIVE offers entertainment and inspiration through a variety of live theater performances that bring Yosemite’s history to life. Discover the world of John Muir and other characters from the park’s rich history.

LeConte Memorial Lodge

LeConte Memorial Lodge is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm, with evening programs Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings, and some Thursday evenings. Evening programs are scheduled for 8:00 pm and are free. The Lodge has a library, children’s corner, and a new climate change exhibit. The Lodge is located at shuttle stop #12.

VALLEY SERVICES

POST OFFICES

Yosemite Village
Main Office
Monday-Friday: 8:30am to 5pm
Saturday: 10am to noon
Yosemite Lodge
Post Office
Monday-Friday: 12:30pm to 2:45pm

EXHIBITS AND INFORMATION

Yosemite Village
The Ansel Adams Gallery
9am to 6pm
LeConte Memorial Lodge
10am to 4pm
Nature Center at Happy Isles
10am to 4pm
Wilderness Center
7:30am to 5pm
Yosemite Art & Education Center
9am to 12pm and 1pm to 4:30pm
Yosemite Museum, Indian Cultural Exhibit
9am to 5pm
Yosemite Valley Visitor Center
9am to 7:30pm

GROCERIES AND TOUR DESKS

Yosemite Lodge
Gift/Grocery
8am to 10pm
Tour Desk
7:30am to 7pm
Curry Village
Gift/Grocery
8am to 10pm
Tour Desk
7:30am to 3pm
Housekeeping Camp
Gift/Grocery
8am to 8pm

SHOWERS AND LAUNDRY

Housekeeping Camp
Laundry
8am to 10pm
Shower House
7am to 10pm

SCHEDULED EVENTS IN YOSEMITE VALLEY

August 3, 2011 - September 6, 2011



An NPS Interpretive Ranger engages young park visitors during a Junior Ranger Day Program. *NPS Photo*

YOSEMITE OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

The non-profit Yosemite Conservancy sponsors this year-round series of fun, educational field programs; they're a great way to deepen your connection to our park.

August	4-7	Vogelsang Backpack --With author Suzanne Swedo in the high country
	11-14	Half Dome the Easy Way --An easier pace with two nights in Little Yosemite Valley
	11-14	Tuolumne Meadows en Plein Air --Chuck Waldman, a mountain master
	20	Tuolumne Birds –Life aloft --with naturalist Michael Ross

Find all the details at www.yosemiteconservancy.org, or call 209/379-2646. Park entry and camping are included, hotel rooms have already been set aside for these courses. The Conservancy also arranges Custom Adventures for individuals, families and groups: adventures@yosemiteconservancy.org.

You are Yosemite (YaY)

Thursdays, 9 am to noon, Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. Join Yosemite Facilities Management staff to help keep Yosemite clean! Participants of all ages will pick up litter and debris throughout the Valley, protecting wildlife and keeping our park beautiful. Volunteers must wear long pants and closed toe shoes. Bring water and snacks. Tools will be provided, and volunteers may choose to participate one, two, or three hours. For more information, call 209/379-1850.

Habitat Protectors of Yosemite (HaPY)

Habitat protectors of Yosemite (HaPY). Wednesdays, 9am, up to 3 hrs. Vegetation restoration field work drop-in volunteer program. Meet a ranger in front of the valley visitor center. Wear closed toed shoes and long pants. For more information, call 209/379-1308.

Yosemite Art and Education Center Classes (YAEC)

The Yosemite Art & Education Center is open daily 9am-4:30pm (closed for lunch from 12-1pm). Workshops are offered from 10am to 2pm Tuesday through Saturday. Register for classes in advance: 209/372-1442. Suggested Donation of \$5, supplies extra. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Be prepared to work outdoors. Information on classes is also available on line at <http://www.yosemiteart.blogspot.com>.

August 2-6	Mariko Lofink, Watercolor Views of Yosemite
August 9-13	David Deyell, Watercolor
August 16-20	Carol Earle, Pastel
August 23-27	Kirah VanSickle, Dynamic Acrylic
August 30- Sept 3	Osamu Saito, Experience Yosemite with Watercolor
September 6-10	Douglas Castleman----Watercolor




Yosemite Mountaineering School (YMS)

YMS offers rock climbing classes, guided climbs, custom backcountry trips, and daily hikes. Experience the park with a professional guide: 209/372-8344.

LeConte Memorial Lodge (SC)

LeConte Memorial Lodge is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm, with evening programs Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings, and some Thursday evenings. Evening programs begin at 8pm and are free. The Lodge has a library, children's corner, and a climate change exhibit. The Lodge is located at shuttle stop #12.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES	
YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH Yosemite Chapel, Sunday 9:15am, 11am, 6:30pm; Thursday 7pm; ACMNP Campground Services 9am Lower Pines; Bible Study throughout week. For wedding & general information: Pastor Brent Moore, www.yosemitevalleychapel.org , 209/372-4831	11 am Worship, 12:30pm potluck 209-586-4325 or 209-743-5522
ROMAN CATHOLIC Mass: Saturday, 6 pm at Lower Pines Amphitheater; Sunday, 10am at Valley Visitor Center Wednesday & Friday, 6:30 pm, 9006 Cedar Ct. in Yosemite Village, 209/372-4729.	LATTER-DAY SAINTS Sacrament meetings. Sunday 1pm. Memorial Day - Labor Day. Yosemite Chapel.
CHURCH OF CHRIST El Portal Chapel / Worship: Sunday 11am Info: 209/379-2100	A CHRISTIAN MINISTRY IN THE NATIONAL PARKS 9am Sunday at Lower Pines, Wawona, and Tuolumne Meadows campgrounds.
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST Lower River Amphitheater-Saturdays 9:45 am Music/Sabbath School,	SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS
	ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS 7:30pm Sunday, Tuesday, & Thursday DNC General Office Bldg. Yosemite Village.
	LIONS CLUB First and third Thursday of each month at noon, The Ahwahnee. Call 209/372-4475.
	ROTARY INTERNATIONAL Thursday at noon at The Ahwahnee. Reservations / information: 209/372-8459.

	MORNING		
Sunday	8:30am Camera Walk 1 ½ hours. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. 9:00am Discovery Hike- Vernal Falls Bridge 3½ hrs. Curry Village Mountaineering School. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) \$ 9:00am CHILDREN'S THEATRE LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE! 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) ♿ 9:30am JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)		
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Wednesday	9:00am Bike to Hike Tour 2½ hrs. Curry Village Bike Stand. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) \$ 9:00am HABITAT PROTECTORS OF YOSEMITE (HaPY) Up to 3 hrs. Drop-in program. Vegetation restoration field work for volunteers. Meet in front of the Valley Visitor Center. Wear closed toe shoes and long pants; bring water and snacks. (NPS) 9:30am JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS) 10:00am Welcome to Yosemite with Ranger Shelton Johnson (Except Aug. 3 and Aug. 10) 2hrs. Drop-in conversation and orientation about Yosemite. Front of Yosemite Museum (NPS) ♿ 10:00am Art Workshop 4 hrs. Yosemite Art and Education Center, details at left. 10:15am JUNIOR RANGER TRAM TOUR 2 hrs. Tickets/info at any tour desk (NPS/DNC) \$		
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NPS	National Park Service		Indicates facilities accessible to visitors in wheelchairs. Short, steep inclines may be encountered.
DNC	DNC Parks & Resorts at Yosemite, Inc.		
TAAG	The Ansel Adams Gallery		A sign language interpreter may be available for deaf and hard-of-hearing visitors. Please contact the Park Accessibility Coordinator (see front page) to request an interpreter. Advance notice is requested.
AAC	American Alpine Club		
SC	Sierra Club		
YC	Yosemite Conservancy		
YMS	Yosemite Mountaineering School		Assistive Listening Devices are available upon advanced request. Inquire at a visitor center.
\$	Programs offered for a fee		

	AFTERNOON	EVENING
Sunday	<div><div>1:00pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) </div><div>1:30pm Ranger Walk – Geology 1 ½ hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) </div><div>2:00pm The Story Within The Stone 2½ hrs. Curry Village Mountaineering School. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) \$</div><div>3:00pm Ranger Walk –Bears 1 ½ hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater (NPS)</div><div>3:30pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) </div><div>4:00pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)</div><div>4:00pm CHILDREN'S THEATRE LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE! 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) </div><div>5:00pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) </div></div> <div>Programs printed in ALL CAPS AND COLOR are especially for children and their families.</div>	<div><div>6:00pm Twilight Stroll 1 hr. The Ahwahnee back lawn (DNC) </div><div>6:00pm WEE WILD ONES 45 min. Stories & activities for kids 6 & under, Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) </div><div>6:00pm WEE WILD ONES 45 min. Stories & activities for kids 6 & under, Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) </div><div>7:00pm JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles campfire ring, near shuttle stop #16</div><div>7:00pm Yosemite Theater LIVE “Buffalo Soldier” performed by Shelton Johnson. (Except August 7) Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Valley Visitor Center or any tour desk. Valley Visitor Center Theater (YC) \$</div><div>7:30pm OPEN HOUSE (September 4 only 1 ½ hrs. LeConte Memorial Lodge) Shuttle stop #12 (SC)</div><div>8:00pm Evening Program LeConte Memorial Lodge. Shuttle stop #12 Robert Bauer, John Muir Historian “John Muir’s Twenty-Hill Hollow: Life in the Sierra Foothills with Sheep (August 7 only) 1 hr. (SC) Greg Stock, Ph.D., YNP Geologist, “Meltdown: Rise & Fall of Sierra Glaciers” (August 14 only) 1 hr. (SC) John Dill, YNP Search & Rescue Ranger “Search & Rescue in Yosemite” (August 21 only) 1 hr. (SC) Rick Deutsch, Mr. Half Dome “HIKING HALF DOME” (August 28 only) 1 hr. (SC)</div><div>8:30pm Ranger Program 1hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS) </div><div>8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) </div><div>8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) </div><div>9:00pm STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE VALLEY 1-1 ½ hrs. Tickets/info at any tour desk (DNC) \$ </div></div>
Monday	<div><div>1:00pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) </div><div>1:00pm Discovery Hike- Columbia Rock 3½ hrs. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater Stage. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) \$</div><div>1:30pm Ranger Walk – Yosemite’s First People 1 ½ hrs. Front of Yosemite Museum (NPS) </div><div>1:30pm BEGINNER’S PAINTING CLASS (1 ½ hrs) Yosemite Art and Educ. Center \$ supply fee (YC)</div><div>2:00pm “In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams” Class 4hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery \$.</div><div>3:00pm Ranger Walk –Bears 1 ½ hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater (NPS)</div><div>3:30pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) </div><div>4:00pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)</div><div>4:00pm CHILDREN’S THEATRE LIVE: RANGER NED’S BIG ADVENTURE! 1 hr. Lower River Amphitheater; shuttle stop #12 across river from Housekeeping Camp (DNC)</div><div>4:00pm FAMILY STROLL1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) </div><div>5:00pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) </div></div>	<div><div>6:00pm Twilight Stroll 1 hr. The Ahwahnee back lawn (YC) </div><div>6:00pm WEE WILD ONES 45 min. Stories & activities for kids 6 & under, Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) </div><div>7:00pm JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles campfire ring, near shuttle stop #16</div><div>7:00pm Yosemite Theater LIVE “Vintage Songs of Yosemite” performed by Tom Bopp. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Valley Visitor Center or any tour desk. Valley Visitor Center Theater (YC) \$</div><div>8:30pm Ranger Program 1hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS) </div><div>8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) </div><div>8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) </div><div>9:00pm STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE VALLEY (except August 29) 1-1 ½ hrs. Tickets/info at any tour desk (DNC) \$ </div></div>
Tuesday	<div><div>12:00pm Yosemite Forum (Aug. 9 only) 1 hr. Use of Genetics and Stable Isotope Analysis to Investigate Black Bear Forging Ecology and to Evaluate the Human-Bear Management Program at Yosemite National Park. Jack Hopkins, Ph.D. in Ecology at Montana State University.</div><div>1:00pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) </div><div>1:30pm Ranger Walk – Rivers and Waterfalls 1 ½ hrs. Shuttle Stop #6 (NPS) </div><div>2:00pm “Using your Digital Camera” Class 4hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery \$.</div><div>3:00pm Ranger Walk –Bears 1 ½ hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater (NPS)</div><div>3:30pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) </div><div>4:00pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)</div><div>5:00pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) </div></div>	<div><div>6:00pm Twilight Stroll 1 hr. The Ahwahnee back lawn (DNC) </div><div>6:00pm WEE WILD ONES 45 min. Stories & activities for kids 6 & under, Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) </div><div>6:00pm WEE WILD ONES 45 min. Stories & activities for kids 6 & under, Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) </div><div>7:00pm JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles campfire ring, near shuttle stop #16</div><div>7:00pm Yosemite Theater LIVE “The Making of Yosemite Nature Notes” presented by filmmaker Steven Bumgardner. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Valley Visitor Center or any tour desk. Valley Visitor Center Theater (YC) \$</div><div>8:30pm Ranger Program 1hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS) </div><div>8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) </div><div>8:30pm Evening Program1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) </div><div>8:30pm Full Moon Bike Ride (August 9 only) 2 hrs. Tickets/info at any tour desk (DNC) \$</div><div>9:00pm STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE VALLEY (except August 9 & 30) 1-1 ½ hrs. Tickets/info at any tour desk (DNC) \$ </div></div>
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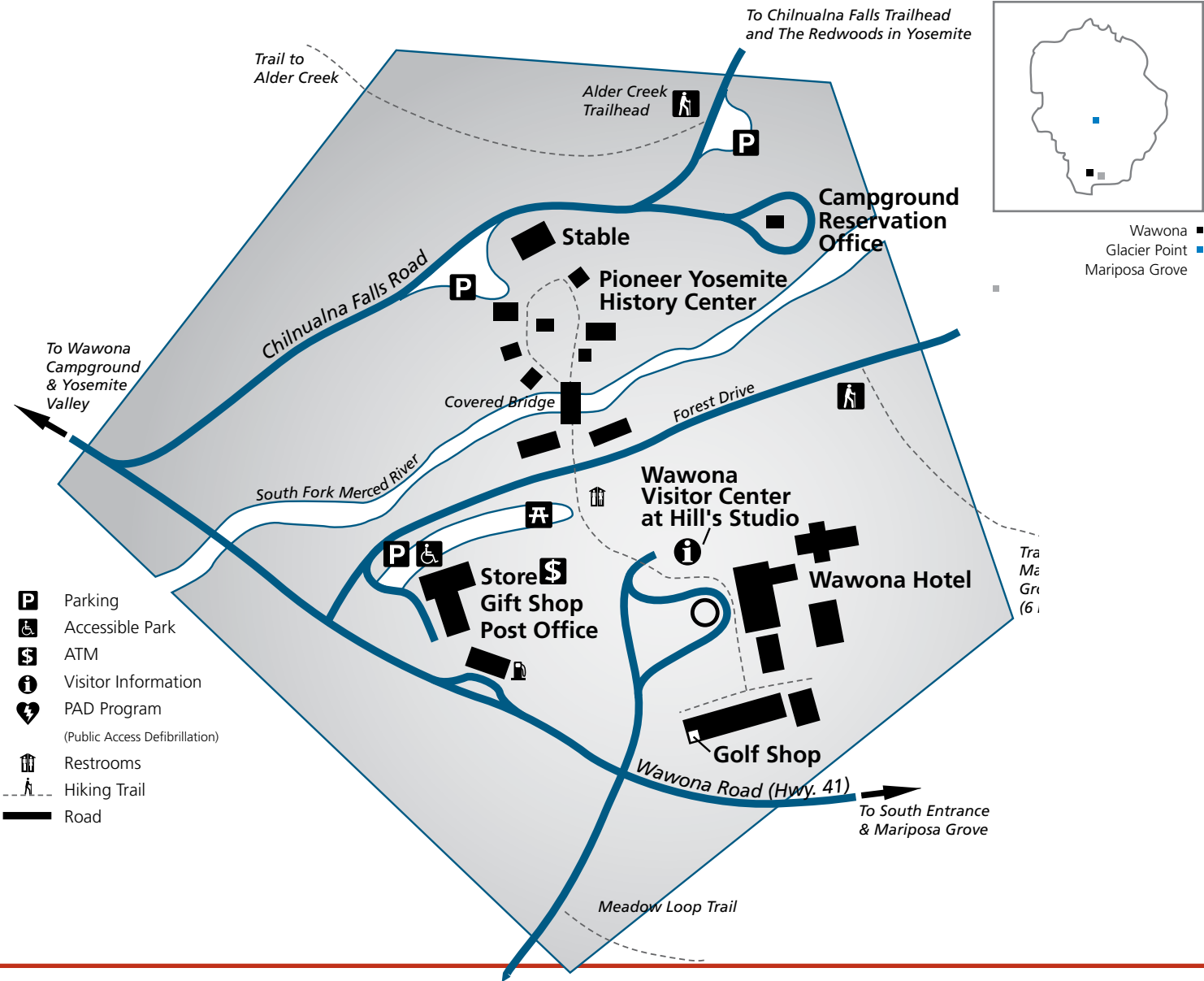
Wawona, Mariposa Grove, and Glacier Point



“Buckshot” Burl Maier and the Wawona Stage Coach
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Explore History Discover Giant Trees Find Amazing Vistas

These park areas offer endless opportunities for amazing experiences.



Wawona & Mariposa Grove

Coffee with a Ranger

Grab your mug and join a ranger in the Wawona Campground Amphitheater for coffee, tea, and hot cocoa. Use this time to plan your day or to get other questions answered. Every morning from 8:00 am to 8:45 am

Evening Programs

Join pianist/singer Tom Bopp in the Wawona Hotel lobby from 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm, Tuesday through Saturday, as he performs songs and stories from Yosemite's past. Once or twice a week, he will present an hour-long interpretive program on the vintage songs of Yosemite or the history of Wawona with slide or music accompaniment. Check with Tom at the piano for dates and times.

Ranger Evening Programs

Join a ranger around a campfire for an hour of nature, history, and insight into Yosemite. Topics vary nightly. See page 9 for dates, times, and locations.

Wawona Information Station at Hill's Studio

Open 8:30 am to 5 pm. The Wawona Visitor Center offers information about park activities, Wilderness permits,

trail information, books, bear canister rentals, and maps. Located on the grounds of the Wawona Hotel, Hill's Studio was the gallery and art studio of famous 19th-century landscape painter, Thomas Hill. Walk from the hotel or park at the Wawona Store parking area and follow the path up the hill. 209/375-9531

Pioneer Yosemite History Center

Go back to a time of horse-drawn wagons, a covered bridge, and log cabins. A visit to the Pioneer Yosemite History Center explores Yosemite's history and explains how Yosemite was the inspiration for national parks across America and around the world. The center is always open, and interpretive signs and brochures are available.

EXPERIENCE HORSE-DRAWN TRAVEL

Travel into history by taking a 10-minute horse-drawn stage ride. Tickets may be purchased at the Stage Office in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center. \$4/ adults and \$3/child (ages 3-12)

BLACKSMITH SHOP

Smell the burning coal, hear the ring of the hammer on the anvil, and watch a demonstration of the ancient art of blacksmithing.

Wawona Stables

Horse or mule rides begin near the stable near the Pioneer Yosemite History Center. Stable hours are 7:00 am to 5 pm daily. Information: 209/375-6502 (reservations strongly recommended).

Mariposa Grove

Located near Yosemite's South Entrance, the Mariposa Grove is the park's largest stand of giant sequoias, with about 500 trees. A few of these giants are visible in the parking area. Information about access for disabled people is available at the tram boarding area.

Getting to Mariposa Grove

Allow 1½ hours driving time to reach the grove from the Valley. Cars are prohibited beyond the grove parking lot. The access road to the grove may close intermittently due to limited parking.

Trailers are prohibited on the Mariposa Grove Road. Private vehicles longer than 25 feet are not permitted on this road.

FREE MARIPOSA GROVE & WAWONA SHUTTLE

A shuttle stops at the Wawona Store, South Entrance, and Mariposa Grove. Visitors may park at the Wawona Store to board the bus. Shuttles operate beginning at 9 am, and the last shuttle leaves the grove at 6 pm, or after the last tour. Please use this free bus

service to help reduce congestion and parking delays.

Mariposa Grove Museum

Open 10 am to 4 pm. Located in the Upper Mariposa Grove, the museum offers information, displays on giant sequoias.

Walking through the Grove

Trails into the grove extend uphill from the trailhead at the far end of the parking area. Interpretive signs between the trailhead and the California Tree provide a self-guiding tour. Written translations are available at the trailhead in Spanish, German, French, and Japanese.

Dogs or bikes are not permitted anywhere in the Grove





Geology Hut. Photo courtesy Yosemite Research Library

Glacier Point

Evening Programs

Meet a ranger to enjoy the lengthening shadows in Yosemite Valley and the alpenglow (or moonrise) on the Sierra high country. Stargazing programs are offered, as well. Details at right.

Hours listed are core hours for facilities and may be extended during periods of peak visitation. Check local postings for changes to hours of operation.

FOOD & BEVERAGE

- Wawona
 - Wawona Hotel Dining Room**
Breakfast: 7:30am to 10am
Lunch: 11:30am to 1:30pm
Late Lunch (limited menu): 1:30pm-4:30pm
Lounge Service 5pm-9:30pm
Dinner: 5:30pm to 9pm
Saturday BBQ: 5-7pm
 - Golf Shop & Snack Stand**
9am to 5pm when golf course is open
- Glacier Point
 - Snack Stand**
9am to 4pm

GROCERIES

- Wawona Store & Pioneer Gift Shop
8am to 8pm

GIFTS & APPAREL

- Wawona
 - Wawona Store & Pioneer Shop**
8am to 8pm
 - Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio (Information and Books)**
8:30am to 5pm
- Glacier Point
 - Gift Shop**
9am to 6pm
- Mariposa Grove
 - Mariposa Grove Museum**
10am to 4pm
 - Big Trees Gift Shop**
9am to 6pm

POST OFFICE

- Wawona Post Office
Monday-Friday: 9am to 5pm
Saturday: 9am to noon

GAS STATION

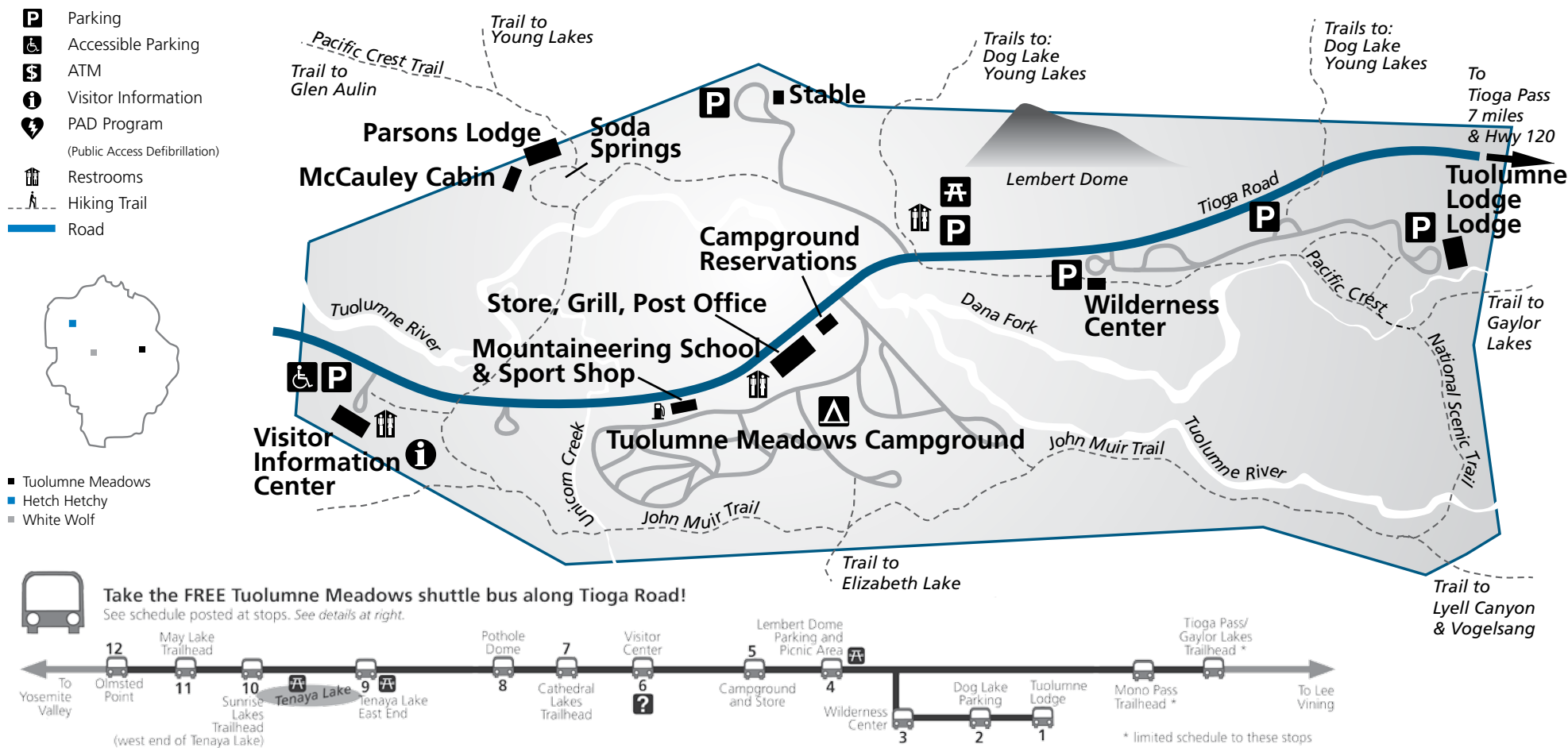
- Wawona Gas Station
8am to 6pm Diesel & propane available. Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

GOLF

- Wawona Hotel Golf Course
9am to 5pm, weather and conditions permitting. Nine-hole, par-35 course.

	WAWONA & MARIPOSA GROVE	GLACIER POINT
Sunday	8:00am Coffee with a Ranger ¾ hr. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) 10:00am Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1 ½ hrs. Lower Grove trailhead (NPS) 10:00am – Noon / 2:00pm – 4:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides 10 min. each Purchase tickets from Stage Office in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) \$ 10:00am – 1:00pm / 2:00pm – 5:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) 2:00pm Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1 ½ hrs. Lower Grove trailhead (NPS) 3:00pm Wawona History Stroll 1 hr. Wawona Hotel Fountain (NPS) 7:30pm Campfire Talk with a Ranger 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. Topics vary nightly (NPS)	2:00pm Ranger Walk—Cliffs and Domes 2 hrs. Meet at Taft Point/ Sentinel Dome parking area on Glacier Point Road. (NPS) 6:30pm GLACIER POINT STARGAZING TOUR 4 ½ hrs. Tickets/info at any tour desk (DNC) \$ 7:00pm Sunset Ranger Talk (August 28 and September 4 only) ½ hr. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley (NPS) 7:15pm Sunset Ranger Talk (August 7, 14, 21 only) ½ hr. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley (NPS)
Monday	8:00am Coffee with a Ranger ¾ hr. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) 10:00am – 2:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides (Sept 5 only) 10 min. each Purchase tickets from Stage Office in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) \$ 10:00am Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1 ½ hrs. Lower Grove trailhead (NPS) 7:30pm Campfire Talk with a Ranger 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. Topics vary nightly (NPS) 9:00pm STARRY SKIES OVER WAWONA 1-1 ½ hrs. Tickets/info at any tour desk (DNC) \$	2:00pm A Short Walk to a Great View of El Capitan 1½ hrs. Easy. Meet in front of the Glacier Point Gift Shop (NPS) 6:30pm GLACIER POINT STARGAZING TOUR (except Sept. 5) 4 ½ hrs. Tickets/info at any tour desk (DNC) \$ 7:30pm Campfire Program 1 hr. Bridalveil Campground, Loop C (NPS)
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Thursday	8:00am Coffee with a Ranger ¾ hr. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) 9:30am Ranger Walk – Discover a “Wilderness” Meadow! (August 4 only) Learn about the history, hydrology and inhabitants of Wawona Meadow. 2 hrs. Meet at the Wawona Hotel Fountain (NPS) 10:00am Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1 ½ hrs. Lower Grove trailhead (NPS) 10:00am – Noon / 2:00pm – 4:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides 10 min. each Purchase tickets from Stage Office in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) \$ 10:00am – 1:00pm / 2:00pm – 5:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) 2:00pm Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1 ½ hrs. Lower Grove trailhead (NPS) 5:30pm Vintage Music Of Yosemite 4 hrs. Live music & historical programs with pianist/singer Tom Bopp, programs are available by request, usually given at 8:30pm, drop by the piano early in the evening & ask Tom for details, Wawona Hotel lounge (DNC) 7:30pm Campfire Talk with a Ranger 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. Topics vary nightly (NPS)	2:00pm A Short Walk to a Great View of El Capitan 1½ hrs. Easy. Meet in front of the Glacier Point Gift Shop (NPS) 6:30pm GLACIER POINT STARGAZING TOUR 4 ½ hrs. Tickets/info at any tour desk (DNC) \$ 8:00pm Night Prowl-Ranger Walk 1 hr. Bring flashlight meet at Bridalveil Campground, registration board (NPS)
Friday	8:00am Coffee with a Ranger ¾ hr. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) 10:00am Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1 ½ hrs. Lower Grove trailhead (NPS) 10:00am – Noon / 2:00pm – 4:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides 10 min. each Purchase tickets from Stage Office in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) \$ 10:00am – 1:00pm / 2:00pm – 5:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) 2:00pm Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1 ½ hrs. Lower Grove trailhead (NPS) 5:30pm Vintage Music Of Yosemite 4 hrs. Live music & historical programs with pianist/singer Tom Bopp, programs are available by request, usually given at 8:30pm, drop by the piano early in the evening & ask Tom for details, Wawona Hotel lounge (DNC) 7:30pm Campfire Talk with a Ranger 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. Topics vary nightly (NPS)	8:00am Coffee with a Ranger 1 hr. Bridalveil Campground, Camp Host site 10:00am Ranger Wildflower and Local History Walk to McGurk Meadow 2 hrs. Meet at phone booth in Bridalveil Campground. (NPS) 6:15pm Full Moon Hike to Sentinel Dome (Aug 12 only) 2 hrs. Dress warmly. Meet at Sentinel Dome parking area. (NPS) 7:00pm Sunset Ranger Talk (Aug 26 and Sept 2 only) ½ hr. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley. (NPS) 7:15pm Sunset Ranger Talk (Aug 5 &19 only) ½ hr. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley. (NPS) 8:15pm Stars Over Yosemite Glacier Point amphitheater. (Except August 12) Canceled if overcast. (NPS)
Saturday	8:00am Coffee with a Ranger ¾ hr. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) 9:00am Nature Walk with a Ranger 2 hrs. Meet at The Redwoods In Yosemite office on Chilnualna Falls Road. (NPS) 9:00am JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM 1 ½ hrs. Wawona Campground Amphitheater Especially for kids 7-13 (NPS) 10:00am Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1 ½ hrs. Lower Grove trailhead (NPS) 10:00am – Noon / 2:00pm – 4:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides 10 min. each Purchase tickets from Stage Office in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) \$ 10:00am – 1:00pm / 2:00pm – 5:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) 1:00pm A Glimpse of the Wawona Miwok Indians (August 20 only) 1 hr. Meet at Mountaineer’s Cabin, Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) 2:00pm Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1 ½ hrs. Lower Grove trailhead (NPS) 5:30pm Vintage Music Of Yosemite 4 hrs. Live music & historical programs with pianist/singer Tom Bopp, programs are available by request, usually given at 8:30pm, drop by the piano early in the evening & ask Tom for details, Wawona Hotel lounge (DNC) 7:30pm Campfire Talk with a Ranger 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. Topics vary nightly (NPS)	2:00pm Ranger Walk—Cliffs and Domes 2 hrs. Meet at Taft Point/ Sentinel Dome parking area on Glacier Point Road. (NPS) 7:00pm Sunset Ranger Talk (Aug 27 and Sept 3 only) ½ hr. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley. (NPS) 7:15pm Sunset Ranger Talk (Aug 6, 13 & 20 only) ½ hr. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley. (NPS) 8:15pm Stars Over Yosemite (except Aug 13) Glacier Point amphitheater. Canceled if overcast. (NPS)

Tuolumne Meadows, White Wolf, and Crane Flat



Tuolumne Meadows

Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center

9 am to 6 pm. Park orientation, trail information, books, maps, and displays

Parsons Memorial Lodge, McCauley Cabin, and Soda Springs

Two trails, both flat and 3/4-mile long, lead to this historic area accessible only by walking. Parsons Memorial Lodge is open from 10 am to 4 pm. Soda Springs are small, naturally-carbonated springs that attract birds and deer, especially at sunrise and sunset.

Just for Kids

Programs for children include Junior Rangers, a two-hour, ranger-led program for children (ages 7-12), and Campfire for Kids.

Ranger Walks

Join a ranger to explore new areas and learn about geology, birds, flowers, history, the Tuolumne River, and more. These walks range from one to eight hours and, except for the long walks, are fairly easy.

Evening Activities

Come to a traditional, ranger-led campfire program for stories, songs, and insight into Yosemite. Program topics vary, and are posted at the campground, Tuolumne Meadows Lodge, and Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. End your day with a star program—bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly.

Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center

Open 7:30 am to 5 pm. The wilderness center offers wilderness permits, bear

canister rentals, visitor information, maps, and guidebooks. The Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center wilderness center is located just south of Tioga Road, along the road to Tuolumne Meadows Lodge, at shuttle stop #3.

Parsons Memorial Lodge Summer Series 2011

All programs, unless otherwise noted, begin at 2:00 p.m. and last approximately one hour. Allow 30 minutes walking time to Parsons Memorial Lodge from either Lembert Dome parking area or the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. Admission is free.

Saturday, August 6

Ooolation! Singers: A performance of nature-inspired music by young singers led by hammer dulcimer player Malcolm Dalglish, singers Naomi Dalglish, Joshua Stephen Kartes, Jeff Feller, and Rachel Schlafer-Parton

Sunday, August 7

Geology Underfoot in and around Tuolumne Meadows. Slide presentation by Greg Stock, Park Geologist

Saturday, August 13

What's Your 12x12? Finding "Enough" in an Age of Too Much, 2-5pm. Slide presentation, reading, and discussion with William Powers, author, international conservationist, and senior fellow at the World Policy Institute

Sunday, August 14

Mountain Inspiration, 10-11:30am. Writing and yoga with Heather Sullivan, Balanced Rock Wilderness Guide. Bring pen and paper.

Living Well within the Means of the Earth: Everyday Choices that Make a Difference. 2-5pm. Talk and discussion with Vicki Robin, coauthor of the seminal book on sustainable living, *Your Money or Your Life*

Saturday and Sunday, August 20 and 21

15th Annual Tuolumne Meadows Poetry Festival

Morning workshops and afternoon readings with music: poets Mike Burwell, Camille T. Dungy, and F. Daniel Rzicznek, with musician Shira Kammen

Saturday, August 20

10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m., **Writing Outside the Book.** Poetry workshop with Camille T. Dungy

2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m., **featured poets and music**

7:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m., **open reading and music**

Sunday, August 21

10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m., **In Praise of the Letter Poem.,** poetry workshop with Mike Burwell

2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m., **featured poets and music**

This event is supported by Poets & Writers, Inc. through a grant it has received from The James Irvine Foundation.

Tuolumne Meadows Stables

Horse or mule rides begin near the stable near the Dog Lake/Lembert Dome parking area. Stable hours are 7:00 am to 5 pm daily. Information: 209/372-8427.

(reservations strongly recommended).

Big Oak Flat

Open 8 am to 5 pm. The information station offers general park information, books, and maps. It also provides wilderness permits, bear canister rentals, and backpacking information.

Merced Grove

Yosemite's quietest stand of sequoias is the Merced Grove, a group of about 20 big trees accessible only on foot. It's a three-mile round-trip hike (about three hours) into the grove. The trail drops down 1.5 miles making this a moderately strenuous hike on the uphill portion. There is no potable water at the parking area or down in the grove. Be sure to bring drinking water with you. The grove is located 3½ miles north of Crane Flat and 4½ miles south of the Big Oak Flat Entrance along the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120 West). The trail is marked by a sign and a post labeled B-10.

Tuolumne Grove

The trail head for this grove of about 25 sequoias is near the intersection of the Big Oak Flat and Tioga roads at Crane Flat. The former route of the Big Oak Flat Road leads downhill from the parking area into the grove. The trail drops 500 feet (150 meters) in one mile. The way down can seem much easier than the uphill return to the parking lot. The trip is moderately strenuous on the uphill portion. Within the Tuolumne Grove there is an easy, half-mile, self-guided nature trail. There is no potable water at the parking area or in the grove. Be sure to bring drinking water with you.

Check local postings for changes to hours of operation.

FOOD & BEVERAGE

Tuolumne Meadows
Tuolumne Meadows Grill
8am to 5pm
Tuolumne Meadows Lodge Dining Room
Breakfast: 7am to 9am
Dinner: 5:45pm to 8pm
Meals are served family style, and reservations are strongly recommended.
Call 209/372-8413

White Wolf
White Wolf Lodge
Breakfast: 7:30am to 9:30am
Take-out Lunch: noon to 2pm
Dinner: 6pm to 8pm
Reservations recommended.
Call 209/372-8416.

GROCERIES

Tuolumne Meadows
Store
8am to 8pm
Crane Flat
Store
8am to 8pm

GIFTS & APPAREL

Tuolumne Meadows
Mountaineering School and Sport Shop
8:30am to 6pm
Tuolumne Meadows Bookstore
Inside the Visitor Center
9am to 6pm
Tuolumne Meadows Store
8am to 8pm
Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center
7:30am to 5:00pm daily

POST OFFICE

Tuolumne Meadows
Post Office
Monday – Friday: 9am to 5pm
Saturday: 9am to 1pm

GAS STATIONS

Tuolumne Meadows
Gas and propane available.
Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

Crane Flat
8am to 8pm
Diesel & propane available.
Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

FREE SHUTTLE BUS

Olmsted Pt. / Tuolumne / Tioga Pass
See map, page 10. Free shuttle service is available along the Tioga Road from Olmsted Point to Tioga Pass. Service begins when conditions permit.

Shuttles travel between Tuolumne Meadows Lodge and Olmsted Point with stops along the Tioga Road, including Tuolumne Meadows Campground and the visitor center. The shuttle also makes morning and afternoon runs to Tioga Pass.

Service begins at the Lodge at 7 am. Shuttles arrive at approximately 30-minute intervals between 7 am and 7 pm.

	TUOLUMNE MEADOWS	WHITE WOLF	CRANE FLAT/ HODGDON MEADOW/ HETCH HETCHY
Sunday	8:00am Coffee with a Ranger 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. Bring questions and a cup. (NPS) 10:00am Ranger Walk—Sketching in Tuolumne 2 hrs. Lambert Dome picnic area. Bring sunglasses, notebook, pen, and pencil. (NPS) 10:00am Ranger Hike—Lambert Dome 3 hrs. Moderately strenuous. 3 miles. Dog Lake parking, shuttle stop #2. Bring snacks and water. (NPS) 10:00am Parsons Summer Series Program (August 14 only) 1 ½ hrs. See details on preceding page (NPS) 10:00am Poetry Workshop—In Praise of the Letter Poem (August 21 only) 1 1/2 hrs. Parsons Lodge. Bring pen and paper. (NPS) 12:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 minutes Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) 2:00pm Parsons Summer Series Program (except August 28 and September 4) 1-3 hrs. See details on preceding page (NPS) 3:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 minutes Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) 8:00pm Campfire 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)	9:00am Coffee with a Ranger 1 hr. White Wolf Campfire Circle. Bring your own mug. (NPS) 8:00pm Ranger Campfire Program 1 hr.White Wolf Campfire Circle (NPS)	2:00pm Ranger in the Grove 2hr. (drop in) Meet in the Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias to ask the ranger your questions. (NPS) 8:00pm Ranger Campfire Program 1 hr Crane Flat Campfire Circle (NPS)
Monday	7:30am Photographing Tuolumne Meadows (August 8 only) 2 hrs. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center porch (NPS) 10:00am Ranger Walk—High Country Bugs 2 hrs. Tuolumne Meadows Campground Reservation Office (NPS) 12:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 minutes Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) 2:00pm Ranger Walk—Bears and Other Wildlife 2 hrs. Tuolumne Meadows Campground Reservation Office (NPS) 3:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 minutes Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) 8:00pm Campfire 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS) 8:00pm Stars Over Mono 1 1/2 hrs. Meet at South Tufa in Mono Basin. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. (NPS)	7:00pm JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE (except Aug 22 & Aug 29) 45 mins. White Wolf Campfire Circle (NPS)	9:00pm Starry, Starry Night 1.5 hrs. Crane Flat area. Limited to 30 people. Sign-up in advance by calling 209/379-1899 (NPS)
Tuesday	9:00am Ranger Hike—Glen Aulin 6-8 hrs. Moderately strenuous. 12 miles. Meet at Lambert Dome picnic area. Bring lunch, water, and raingear. (NPS) 10:00am Botanical Walk with Cathy Rose (NPS) August 9 and 16: Dana Gardens 2 hrs. Meet just outside of Tioga Pass Entrance Station on north side of road. August 23: Gaylor Ridge 2 hrs. Meet just outside of Tioga Pass Entrance Station on north side of road. Steep trail. August 30: Bennettville Mine 4 hrs. Meet at Tioga Lake turnout east of Tioga Pass. Bring lunch and raingear. 12:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 minutes Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) 2:00pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK 2 hrs. Ages 7-12. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8, road marker T-29 (NPS) 3:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 minutes Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) 7:00pm Ranger Walk—Sunset 3/4 hr. Lambert Dome picnic area (NPS) 8:00pm Campfire 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)	9:00pm Stars Over the Meadow 1 hr. Dress warmly and bring something to sit on. White Wolf Campground entrance (NPS)	Programs printed in ALL CAPS AND COLOR are especially for children and their families.
Wednesday	7:30am Ranger Walk—Birds 2 1/2 hrs. Lambert Dome picnic area. Binoculars available. (NPS) 8:00am Coffee with a Ranger 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. Bring questions and a cup. (NPS) 10:00am DISCOVERY WALK FOR LITTLE CUBS 50 minutes Ages 4-6. Tuolumne Meadows Campground Reservation Office (NPS) 10:00am Ranger Walk—Geology of Tuolumne Meadows 2 hrs. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8, road marker T-29 (NPS) 12:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 minutes Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) 1:30pm Ranger Walk—Along the Tuolumne River 2 hrs. Lambert Dome picnic area (NPS) 3:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 minutes Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) 7:00pm CAMPFIRE FOR KIDS 3/4 hr. Conness Circle, Loop C in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS) 8:00pm Campfire 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS) 9:30pm Ranger Talk—Stars 1 hr. Lambert Dome picnic area. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. (NPS)	9:30am Ranger Walk – Bears and Other Wildlife (except August 3) 2 hrs. White Wolf Campfire Circle (NPS) 6:45pm Twilight Stroll (except August 3) 1 hrs. White Wolf Lodge (NPS)	
Thursday	9:15am Ranger Hike—Gaylor Lakes Basin 5-6 hrs. Strenuous. 5 miles. Meet at Gaylor Lakes parking lot at Tioga Pass. Bring lunch, water, and raingear (NPS) 10:00am Ranger Walk—History of Tuolumne Meadows 2 hrs. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center shuttle stop #6 (NPS) 12:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 minutes Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) 2:00pm Ranger Walk—Wildflowers 2 hrs. Lambert Dome picnic area (NPS) 3:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 minutes Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) 7:00pm Ranger Walk—Sunset 3/4 hr. Lambert Dome picnic area (NPS) 8:00pm Campfire 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)	9:30am Ranger Stroll – Wildflowers (except August 25 and September 1) 1.5 hr. White Wolf Campfire Circle. (NPS) 9:00pm Night Prowl 1 hr. White Wolf area. Explore nature after dark. Sign up in advance by calling 209/379-1899 (NPS)	10:00am Ranger Hike –Hetch Hetchy 2 hrs. Bring water. Meet at O’Shaughnessy Dam (NPS) 6:45pm Twilight Stroll 1.5 hrs. Hodgdon Meadow Campfire Circle (NPS)
Friday	8:00am Coffee with a Ranger 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. Bring questions and a cup. (NPS) 10:00am JUNIOR RANGER WALK 2 hrs. Ages 7-12. Dog Lake parking, shuttle stop #2. (NPS) 10:00am Ranger Walk—Domes and Meadows 2 hrs. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8, road marker T-29 (NPS) 12:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 minutes Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) 2:00pm Ranger Walk—Bennettville Exploration 2 1/2 hrs. Tioga Lake turnout east of Tioga Pass (NPS) 3:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 minutes Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) 6:30pm Ranger Walk—Music for Parks 1 1/4 hrs. Lambert Dome picnic area (NPS) 8:00pm Campfire 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)	8:00pm Ranger Campfire Program 1 hr. White Wolf Campfire (NPS)	2:00pm Ranger in the Grove 2 hrs. Meet in theTuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias for answers to your questions (NPS) 8:00pm Ranger Campfire Program 1 hr. Crane Flat Campfire Circle (NPS)
Saturday	7:30am Ranger Walk—Birds 2 1/2 hrs. Lambert Dome picnic area. Binoculars available. (NPS) 9:15am Ranger Hike—Mono Pass 6-8 hrs. Moderately strenuous. 8 miles. Meet at Mono Pass trailhead. Bring lunch, water, and raingear. (NPS) 10:00am JUNIOR RANGER WALK 2 hrs. Ages 7-12 Lambert Dome picnic area (NPS) 10:00am Poetry Workshop—Writing Outside the Book (August 20 only) 1 1/2 hrs. Parsons Lodge. Bring pen and paper. (NPS) 12:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 minutes Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) 2:00pm Parsons Summer Series Program (except August 27 and September 3) 1-3 hrs. See details on preceding page (NPS) 2:00pm Ranger Walk—Butterflies (August 27 only) 2 hrs. Lambert Dome picnic area (NPS) 3:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 minutes Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) 7:00pm CAMPFIRE FOR KIDS 3/4 hr. Conness Circle, Loop C in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS) 7:30pm Parsons Summer Series Program (August 20 only) 2 1/2 hrs. See details on preceding page (NPS) 8:00pm Campfire 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS) 9:30pm Ranger Talk—Stars 1 hr. Lambert Dome picnic area. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. (NPS)	8:00pm Ranger Campfire Program 1 hr. White Wolf Campfire Circle (NPS)	2:00pm Ranger in the Grove 2 hr. (drop in) Meet in the Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias to ask the ranger your questions. (NPS) 8:00pm Ranger Campfire Program 1 hr.Crane Flat Campfire Circle (NPS)

Become a Junior Ranger

Ages 3 and up can earn a badge while exploring the park

Yosemite National Park offers a wide variety of wide variety of programs and activities for kids of all ages! To find kid-friendly programs, see pages 6, 7, 9, and 11 of the Guide for program descriptions:

Programs printed in **ALL CAPS & COLOR** are especially for **CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES**

Be a naturalist. Look for these common Yosemite wild animals. If you see one, make a note by the animal's picture below. If you don't see any of these wild animals during your visit, choose one you did see and draw it in the box on this page. Where did you see it? What was it doing? Also, remember never to feed or approach an animal.



Coyote



Black bear



Golden-mantled ground squirrel

Follow these steps to earn your Junior Ranger badge.*

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1. With an adult, pick a trail to walk. See page 17 of this Guide or stop by a visitor center to choose your trail. As you go, walk quietly, watch, listen, and think.

Write the name of the trail you walked. _____

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2. Explore with your senses! Record the following.

I see: _____

I hear: _____

I smell: _____

I touch: _____

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3. Leave no Trace! If you see trash or rubbish, pick it up. Junior Rangers learn to be good park stewards by bringing in a bag of trash. Recycle any recyclable materials you pick up or bring along.

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4. Learn more. Go to a ranger-led program or visit with an Indian Cultural Demonstrator. Have the ranger or demonstrator sign below.

Signed by: _____

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5. Write down something you learned from a ranger or Indian Cultural Demonstrator.

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6. Think about this. Why do people work to protect national parks?

7. When you complete this page, take it to a visitor center. There you will take your oath and receive your Junior Ranger badge.

*Expanded Junior Ranger and Little Cub programs (and the chance to earn a patch) are available in the *Junior Ranger* or *Little Cub Handbooks*, which can be purchased at any Yosemite Conservancy bookstore.

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Bears and Wildlife

Enjoying wildlife safely and responsibly



Sow and Cub. Photo by Christine White Loberg

Keep Wildlife Wild!

Black bears, coyote, deer, and grey squirrels are just a few of the many animal species in the park that are active year round. Learn how to help protect Yosemite’s wildlife.

Store Your Food Properly.

4,000 to 20,000 calories worth of grasses, berries, acorns, and grubs—that’s the typical daily diet of most bears. It’s a lot easier for a bear to eat the thousands of calories of food in an ice chest than it is to spend all day nibbling at grasses. Their incredible sense of smell allows them to detect things we can’t, which helps them find food—a black bear can smell a dead deer three miles away. To top it off, bears have excellent vision and can see in color, so they recognize ice chests, grocery bags, and other food containers as potential food sources.

If you see a bear, scare it away or keep your distance.

You may not see a bear during your visit because they naturally avoid people. However, if you see one in a developed area (like a campground or parking lot), act immediately to scare it away: Make noise and yell as loud as possible. If there is more than one person, stand together to present a more intimidating figure, but do not surround the bear.

If you see a bear anywhere else, consider yourself lucky—but keep your distance (at least 50 yards, or about the distance made by four shuttle buses parked end to end). If you get too close, you will be helping the bear become used to being around people. Bears that become

comfortable around humans lose their natural fear of us and may become too aggressive. When that happens, they sometimes have to be killed.

Drive the speed limit.

The most common human-related cause of death for a black bear in Yosemite is being hit by a car. Slow down! Driving too fast is almost always the cause of these accidental deaths.

Red Bear, Dead Bear

Did you notice the red bear markers as you drove through the park? Each of them mark a place where a bear was recently hit. Every year bears, hundreds of deer, and countless other animals are killed while trying to cross park roads. Many of these deaths could have been avoided if drivers observed posted speed limits.

Please remember that Yosemite National Park is a wildlife preserve: by driving the speed limit you are helping to protect the park and its wildlife.

Backpackers: Save Your Food, Save A Bear

Bear resistant food canisters are 2.7-pound containers that can be used to store five or more days of backpacker food when meals are carefully planned. Canisters have an inset lid that bears are

unable to open. When used correctly, bears learn that—although they smell like food—the canisters are not worth investigating.

Report Bear Sightings!

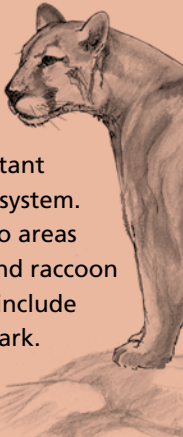
To report bear sightings, improper food storage, trash problems, and other bear-related problems, leave a message for the Bear Management Team at 209/372-0322. Your call can be made anonymously. For more information regarding bears and proper food storage, visit the park’s website (www.nps.gov/yose/bears).

Coyotes

Watching a coyote hunting for mice in one of Yosemite’s many meadows can be an amazing wildlife experience. Coyotes are opportunistic carnivores that primarily prey on small mammals. Like bears, their diets change throughout the year with food availability.

Unfortunately, coyotes sometimes change their natural behavior to try to obtain human food. Approaching, and/or feeding coyotes can cause them to lose their natural fear of humans. Please do not stop to feed coyotes that you see along the sides of the roads. This encourages them to frequent roadsides to beg for food, endangering both coyotes and drivers.

Mountain Lions



Mountain lions are a normal and important part of the park ecosystem. They are attracted to areas with healthy deer and raccoon populations, which include many areas of the park. Although lion attacks on humans are extremely rare, they are possible, just as is injury from any wild animal.

For your safety:

Do not leave pets or pet food outside and unattended. Pets can attract mountain lions.

Avoid hiking alone. Watch children closely and never let them run ahead or lag behind on the trail. Teach children what to do if they see a lion.

What should you do if you meet a mountain lion?

Never approach one, especially if it is with kittens. Most lions will avoid confrontation. Always give them a way to escape.

Don’t run. Stay calm. Hold your ground, or back away slowly. Face the lion and stand upright. Do all you can to appear larger. Raise your arms. If you have small children with you, pick them up.

If the lion behaves aggressively, wave your arms, shout, and throw objects at it. The goal is to convince it that you may be dangerous. If attacked, fight back!

Mountain Lions are magnificent creatures and native to Yosemite. Generally, they are calm, quiet, and elusive. Sightings are rare, so if you spot one, consider yourself privileged!

How to Store Food

“Food” includes any item with a scent, regardless of packaging. This may include items that you do not consider food, such as canned goods, bottles, drinks, soap, cosmetics, toiletries, trash, ice chests (even when empty), and unwashed items used for preparing or eating meals.

LOCATION	FOOD STORAGE	WHY?
Your Vehicle	You may store food in your car (with windows closed) only during daylight hours. Do not store food in your car after dark: use a food locker. Remember to clear your car of food wrappers, baby wipes, and crumbs in baby seats.	Bears can smell food, even if it’s sealed in the trunk or glove compartment, and they recognize boxes and bags as potential food sources. They can easily and quickly break into all kinds of vehicles!
Your Campsite or Tent Cabin	You must store all your food in food lockers—not in your tent or tent cabin. A food locker is available at each campsite and tent cabin. Food may be stored out of sight in hard-sided RVs with windows closed.	Bears may enter campsites when people are present, and some will even check food lockers to see if they’re secured. Keep food lockers closed and latched at all times, even when you are in your campsite or tent cabin.
Picnic Areas & on the Trails	Do not leave food unattended. Always keep food within arm’s reach. Don’t turn your back to your food.	Bears may investigate picnic areas or backpacks for food even when people are present, so be alert.
Backpacking in the Wilderness	Bear resistant food containers are required throughout the Yosemite Wilderness. Hanging food is prohibited in Yosemite.	In Yosemite and the southern Sierra, bear canisters are the only effective and proven method of preventing bears from getting human food.

KEEP WILDLIFE WILD



Respect animals at a distance
Never feed or approach them

Protect Yourself...

Keep safety in mind as you explore the park



Permit Required to Hike Half Dome

Permits to hike to the top of Half Dome are now required seven days per week when the cables are up. This is an interim measure to increase safety along the cables while the park develops a long-term plan to manage use on the Half Dome Trail. **The Half Dome Trail Stewardship Plan Environmental Assessment will be available for public review late summer 2011.** The environmental assessment will detail the proposed alternative methods of managing use on the Half Dome Trail and their potential affects on the environment and visitors. To find out more about the plan visit www.nps.gov/yose/parkmgmt/hdp.htm.

Permits are not available in the park or on a first-come, first-served basis, however, you can check for cancellations. In addition, about 50 permits may be available one day in advance at 7 am PDT via Recreation.gov. We encourage permit holders unable to use their permits to make them available for other visitors by canceling them. You may cancel a permit or check for availability online at www.recreation.gov or by calling 877/444-6777. Up to four permits will be available per web session or phone call. Each permit has a service fee of \$1.50. More information is available at www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdpermits.htm.

Keep yourself safe while exploring your park.

There are many ways to experience the wildness of Yosemite. While the forces of nature can create unexpected hazardous conditions, with a little common sense and some pre-planning, you can minimize the risks associated with many activities.

Around Water

- Never swim or wade upstream from of a waterfall, even if the water appears shallow and calm. Each year, unsuspecting visitors are swept over waterfalls to their deaths when swimming in these areas.
- Stay away from swiftly-moving water. Keep children from wandering on or near these hazards.
- Choose swimming areas carefully and swim only during low water conditions.
- Always supervise children closely.
- Avoid areas of whitewater, where streams flow over rocky obstructions.
- Swimming is not permitted in the Hetch Hetchy reservoir or in Emerald Pool above Vernal Fall.

Water Quality

To protect yourself from disease, treat any surface water before drinking. Treatment methods include boiling for five minutes, use of a Giardia-rated water filter, or iodine-based purifier. To prevent the spread of Giardia and other water-borne disease organisms, use restroom facilities where available, and always wash hands afterwards with soap and water. In natural areas where facilities are not available, wash, camp, and bury human waste at least 100 feet away from any water source or trail, burying human waste six inches deep and pack out any toilet paper.

Traffic Safety

Roads leading to the park are two-lane, narrow, and winding. When traveling on park roads you can protect yourself, other visitors, and park wildlife by observing the following simple rules: Please obey posted speed limits. Yosemite’s roads are used by both visitors and park wildlife. Use turnouts

to pull completely out of the road, to take photos, consult the park map, or simply enjoy the park’s scenery and wildlife.

Effects of Altitude

Altitude sickness may develop in otherwise healthy and fit people who are exposed to rapid increases in altitude. It can develop at altitudes as low as 8,000 feet (Yosemite Valley’s elevation is 4,000 feet). Should altitude sickness develop, descend to a lower elevation.

Hiking, Backpacking, River and Creek Crossings, and Rock Climbing

With the heavy winter be prepared for full or partial snow cover well into the summer. Good navigation skills are necessary. While a trail may start out snow free be prepared for patches of snow or for the snow to become continuous. Hikers may lose the trail when crossing a stretch of snow and subsequently become disoriented while searching for the trail. Stay oriented by using landmarks and a map. The large amounts of water from snow melt will keep rivers high and mosquitoes around for a much longer period time.

- Tell someone where you are going and when you are due back.
- Carry and know how to use a map and compass.
- Check weather forecasts.

- Avoid dehydration or heat exhaustion; carry and drink plenty of water, and bring high-energy food.

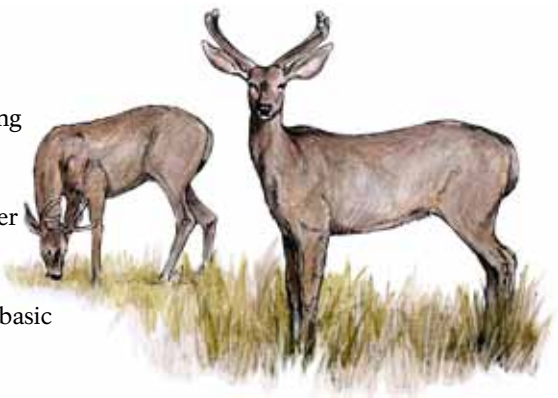
- Be prepared to set up emergency shelter even when out just for the day.

- Know how to use your gear and carry basic repair materials.

- During spring runoff and high water any unbridged river or creek crossing can be hazardous. Always take extra time and use good judgment when crossing rivers and creeks.

Wilderness Permit Information

Wilderness permits are required year round for all overnight trips into the Yosemite Wilderness. Permits are issued and bear canisters are available for rent at the Yosemite Valley Wilderness Center, the Big Oak Flat Information Center, Hill’s Studio in Wawona, and the Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station during hours of operation. Self registration permits are available at the Tuolumne Meadows Ranger Station until the Tioga Road opens for the season. Call the park’s main phone line at 209/372-0200, or check the web at www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/wildpermits.htm, for additional information. 60% of the trailhead quota is available in advance. Reservations are taken from 24 weeks to two days in advance of the start of your trip. A processing fee of \$5 per permit plus \$5 per person is charged to each confirmed reservation. Check the park’s website for trailhead availability and call 209/372-0740. 40% of the trailhead quota is available for first come first serve. First come first serve permits are available the day of at opening and the day before starting at 11am.



...and Yosemite

Protecting park resources



Protecting Yourself and the Park

Prepare yourself for a wild experience. Yosemite is a place where natural forces—such as rockfall, fire, and flood—are constantly at work. Here, wildlife freely roams. This is a place where wilderness prevails. The National Park Service recognizes the importance of Yosemite’s natural processes and is bound by its mission to protect them for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations. While you are enjoying your visit, be attentive to the special regulations in place to protect park resources and those designed for your safety.

Rafting

Conditions permitting, rafting on the Merced River in Yosemite Valley (Stoneman Bridge to Sentinel Beach) and the South Fork of the Merced River in Wawona is open from 10 am to 6 pm daily to any type of non-motorized vessel or other flotation device.

- The entire length of the Merced River in Yosemite Valley is closed to all flotation devices whenever the river gauge at Sentinel Bridge reads 6.5 feet or higher. Ask at a visitor center for conditions and obey all posted signs.
- You must wear or have a U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device immediately available.
- Fallen trees and other natural debris in the river create important habitat for fish and other wildlife. Be alert—they can also create hazards for rafters.

Fishing

Fishing in Yosemite is regulated by state law. A valid California sport-fishing license is required for those persons age 16 years and older.

- Trout season runs through November 15 (except Frog Creek near Lake Eleanor,

which opens June 15).

- Special fishing regulations apply on the Merced River in Yosemite Valley from Happy Isles downstream to the Foresta Bridge in El Portal. Within these reaches of the river, it is catch-and-release only for rainbow trout. Brown trout limits are five fish per day. Only artificial lures or flies with barbless hooks may be used.
- The use of live or dead minnows, bait fish or amphibians, non-preserved fish eggs or roe is prohibited.

Pets

Keep in mind, daytime temperatures can reach above 100 ° Farenheit in the summer. Make sure to keep your pet cool and well-hydrated. In Yosemite, pet owners have a few rules to follow:

- Pets are only allowed in developed areas and on roads and paved bike paths. Pets are not allowed anywhere in the Mariposa or Merced sequoia groves. They are not allowed on trails, in wilderness areas, or where signs are posted prohibiting them.
- Pets must be on a leash (6 feet or less) or otherwise physically restrained.
- For the courtesy of others, human companions are responsible for cleaning

up and depositing pet feces in trash receptacles.

- Pets are not allowed in any lodging facilities or other buildings within the park and are not allowed in some campgrounds.
- Pets may not be tied to an object and left unattended.

Bicycling

Bike rentals at Curry Village and Yosemite Lodge are open 8:30am to 8pm. Each season, plants are crushed from bicycle travel in meadows,campgrounds, and picnic areas. Please respect park resources and keep bicycles on paved roads and paved bicycle trails. Bikes are not allowed to travel off paved trails. Mountain biking opportunities are available in designated areas outside of Yosemite.



Yosemite Guardians

Visitors to Yosemite National Park are the park’s most important guardians. With 4 million people watching over its special plants, animals, historic, and archeological sites, imagine how well-protected these park resources could be!

During your visit to Yosemite be aware that there are people who either unknowingly or intentionally harm park resources. Please contact a park official if you see any of the following illegal acts:

- Feeding or approaching wildlife
- Collecting plants
- Hunting animals
- Collecting reptiles and butterflies
- Picking up archeological items, such as arrowheads
- Using metal detectors
- Driving vehicles into meadows
- Biking off of paved roads
- Camping outside of designated campgrounds
- Possession of weapons inside federal facilities

If you see activities that could harm people or park resources, jot down any descriptions or a vehicle license plate number and call the park dispatch office at 209/379-1992.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

To find out more about Yosemite National Park regulations visit www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/yoursafety.htm and find a copy of the Superintendent’s Compendium. This document is a compilation of designations, closures, permit requirements, and other restrictions made by the superintendent, in addition to what is contained in Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations (Chapter 1, Parts 1 through 7 and 34), and other applicable federal statutes and regulations.



Upper Yosemite Fall, NPS photo

Weather in Yosemite

Dressing in layers and bringing plenty of water can help you stay safe through Yosemite’s changing weather conditions. As is true of all mountainous regions, weather in the Sierra Nevada can change rapidly any season of the year. Elevation plays a major role in temperature and precipitation variability, and Yosemite ranges in elevation from 2,000 feet to more than 13,000 feet above sea level. It is not uncommon for clouds to build up suddenly, bringing rain and/or thunderstorms to an otherwise sunny day. In September and October, temperatures in Tuolumne Meadows can dip well below freezing, while day time temperatures at lower elevations, like Yosemite Valley and Hetch Hetchy, can soar to over 100° F.

Camping



Camping in Yosemite. Photo by Ray Santos

General Info...

To check same-day camping availability, call 209/372-0266

Services

- All sites include picnic tables, firepits with grills, and a food locker (33"d x 45"w x 18"h). See page 5 for food storage regulations.
- Toilets are available in campgrounds; however, Tamarack Flat, Yosemite Creek, and Porcupine Flat have non-flushing vault toilets only and no potable water.
- Shower and laundry facilities are available year-round in Yosemite Valley.
- RVs over 24 feet are not recommended for Tamarack Flat, Yosemite Creek, and Porcupine Flat campgrounds, and RVs are not permitted in walk-in and group campsites. There are no hookups in Yosemite campgrounds, but there are sanitary dump stations in Yosemite Valley (all year), and summer only in Wawona and Tuolumne Meadows.

Regulations

- Proper food storage is required 24 hours a day.
- A maximum of six people (including children) and two vehicles are allowed per campsite.
- Quiet hours are from 10 pm to 6 am.
- Where permitted, pets must be on a leash and may not be left unattended.

Campfires

- In Yosemite Valley between May 1 and September 30, campfires are permitted between 5 pm and 10 pm. At other times of the year and in out-of-Valley campgrounds, fires are permitted at any time, as long as they are attended.
- Firewood collection (including pine cones and pine needles) is not permitted in Yosemite Valley; you may purchase firewood at stores near the campgrounds.

A primitive overnight experience

Yosemite National Park contains 13 popular campgrounds. Up to seven are on a reservation system, the rest are first-come, first-served. From April through September, reservations are essential and the first-come, first-served sites often fill by noon during these months.

Camping Reservations

Reservations are required March through November for campsites in Yosemite Valley’s car campgrounds and summer through fall for Hodgdon Meadow, Crane Flat, Wawona, and half of Tuolumne Meadows. All other campgrounds (except group and stock campgrounds) are first-come, first-served. Campground reservations are available up to five months in advance, on the 15th of each month at 7 am Pacific time. Log onto the website or call as soon as possible as some campgrounds fill within a few minutes of the opening period.

ARRIVAL DATE	FIRST DAY TO MAKE RESERVATIONS (7 AM PT)
Mar. 15 – Apr. 14	Nov. 15
Apr. 15 – May 14	Dec. 15
May 15 – Jun. 14	Jan. 15
Jun. 15 – Jul. 14	Feb. 15
Jul. 15 – Aug. 14	Mar. 15
Aug. 15 – Sep. 14	Apr. 15
Sep. 15 – Oct. 14	May 15
Oct. 15 – Nov. 14	Jun. 15
Nov. 15 – Dec. 14	Jul. 15

For campground reservations, visit www.recreation.gov (recommended) or call 877/444-6777 or TDD 877/833-6777 or 518/885-3639 from outside the US and Canada.

Hours:

7 am to 7 pm Pacific time
(November through February)

7 am to 9 pm Pacific time
(March through October)

Reservation offices in the park are located in the visitor parking area at Curry Village (shuttle bus stop #14), the Tuolumne Meadows Campground entrance, in Wawona off Chilnualna Falls Road, and at Big Oak Flat Information Station.

Yosemite Valley

There is a 30-day camping limit within Yosemite National Park in a calendar year; however, May 1 to September 15, the camping limit is 14 days and only seven of those days can be in Yosemite Valley or Wawona.

Camp 4 is a walk-in campground and is open all year on a first-come, first-served basis; these campsites are not wheelchair accessible. Sites are available on a per-person basis, and six

people will be placed in each campsite, regardless of number of people in your party. Camp 4 often fills before 9 am each day, May through September.

Camping in Areas Surrounding Yosemite

The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) operates a variety of campgrounds on a seasonal basis near Yosemite. For additional information, contact Groveland Ranger Station at 209/962-7825; Mariposa Ranger Station at 209/966-3638; Mono Lake Ranger Station at 760/647-3044; or Oakhurst Ranger Station at 559/683-4636. For private campgrounds outside Yosemite, call the respective chamber of commerce or visitor bureau listed on page 10.

Group Campgrounds

There are group campsites at Tuolumne Meadows, Hodgdon Meadow, Wawona, and Bridalveil Creek Campgrounds. Reservations can be made the same way as individual site reservations; 13 to 30 people are allowed in each group campsite. Tent camping only. Pets, RVs, and generators are not permitted in group sites.

Campgrounds in Yosemite National Park*

CAMPGROUND	OPEN 2011 (APPROX)	MAX RV LENGTH	MAX TRAILER LENGTH	RESERVATIONS REQUIRED?	DAILY FEE	# OF SITES	PETS	WATER
YOSEMITE VALLEY								
Upper Pines	All year	35 ft	24 ft	March 15- Nov 28	\$20	238	Yes	Tap
Lower Pines	April 8-Nov 1	40 ft	35 ft	Yes	\$20	60	Yes	Tap
North Pines	April 15-Oct 3	40 ft	35 ft	Yes	\$20	81	Yes	Tap
Camp 4	All year	No RVs/trailers	n/a	First-come, first-served	\$5/pers.	35	No	Tap
SOUTH OF YOSEMITE VALLEY								
Wawona	All year	35 ft	35 ft	April 20 – Oct 3	\$20	93	Yes	Tap
Bridalveil Creek	July – TBD	35 ft	24 ft	First-come,first-served	\$14	110	Yes	Tap
NORTH OF YOSEMITE VALLEY								
Hodgdon Meadow	All year	35 ft	27 ft	Apr 10 – Oct 16	\$20	105	Yes	Tap
Crane Flat	July – Oct 12	35 ft	27 ft	Yes	\$20	166	Yes	Tap
Tamarack Flat	July – Oct 15	No RVs/trailers		First-come, first-served	\$10	52	No	Creek (boil)
White Wolf	July – Sep 12	27 ft	24 ft	First-come, first-served	\$14	74	Yes	Tap
Yosemite Creek	July – Sep 12	No RVs/trailers		First-come, first-served	\$10	75	Yes	Creek (boil)
Porcupine Flat	July – Oct 15	24 ft (limited)	20 ft	First-come, first-served	\$10	52	No	Creek (boil)
Tuolumne Meadows	July – Sep 28	35 ft	35 ft	50%	\$20	304	Yes	Tap

* Exact campground opening and closing dates are subject to conditions.

Hiking



Hikers on the Mist Trail, Yosemite National Park. Photo by Brian Ward

Choose your adventure

With over 800 miles of hiking trails, what better way to enjoy the beauty of Yosemite than on foot? Ask a ranger at any visitor center for one of several free, day-hike handouts. Excellent maps and guidebooks are available at bookstores throughout the park.

Yosemite Valley Day Hikes

TRAIL / DESTINATION	STARTING POINT	DISTANCE / TIME	DIFFICULTY / ELEVATION
Bridalveil Fall	Bridalveil Fall Parking Area	0.5 mile round-trip, 20 minutes	Easy
Lower Yosemite Fall	Lower Yosemite Fall Shuttle Stop #6	1.0 mile round-trip, 20 minutes	Easy
Upper Yosemite Fall Trail to Columbia Rock	Camp 4 Near Shuttle Stop #7	2 miles round-trip, 2–3 hours	Strenuous 1,000-foot gain
Top of Upper Yosemite Fall	Same as above	7.2 miles round-trip, 6–8 hours	Very Strenuous 2,700-foot gain
Mirror Lake (a seasonal lake)	Mirror Lake Shuttle Stop #17	2 miles round-trip, 1 hour	Easy
Vernal Fall Footbridge	Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16	1.4 miles round-trip, 1–2 hours	Moderate, 400-foot gain
Top of Vernal Fall	Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16	3 miles round-trip, 2–4 hours	Strenuous 1,000-foot gain
Top of Nevada Fall	same as above	7 miles round-trip, 5–6 hours	Strenuous 1,900-foot gain
Top of Half Dome	same as above	14 mi (via Mist Trail) or 16.3 mi (via John Muir Trail) round-trip, 10–12 hours	Extremely Strenuous, 4,800-foot gain
Four Mile Trail to Glacier Point	Southside Drive	4.8 miles one-way, 3–4 hours one-way	Very Strenuous, 3,200-foot gain
Valley Floor Loop	Lower Yosemite Fall Shuttle Stop #6	13 miles full loop, 5–7 hours full loop	Moderate

Day Hikes Outside of Yosemite Valley

TRAIL / DESTINATION	STARTING POINT	DISTANCE / TIME	DIFFICULTY / ELEVATION
WAWONA			
Wawona Meadow Loop	Wawona Hotel	3.5 miles round-trip, 1.5 hours	Easy
Swinging Bridge Loop	Wawona Store / Pioneer Yosemite History Center Parking Area	4.75 miles round-trip, 2 hours	Moderate
GLACIER POINT ROAD			
Taft Point	Sentinel Dome Parking Area	2.2 miles round-trip, 2 hours	Easy to Moderate
Sentinel Dome	Sentinel Dome Parking Area	2.2 miles round-trip, 2 hours	Moderate
TUOLUMNE MEADOWS AREA			
Soda Springs / Parsons Lodge	Lembert Dome Parking Area	1.5 miles round-trip, 1 hour	Easy
Lembert Dome	Lembert Dome Parking Area	4 miles round-trip, 3 to 4 hours	Moderately Strenuous
John Muir Trail through Lyell Canyon	Dog Lake Parking Area	8 miles one-way, 3 to 4 hours	Easy, 200-foot gain
Elizabeth Lake	Tuolumne Meadows Group Campground	4.8 miles round trip, 4 to 5 hours	Moderate
TIOGA ROAD			
Lukens Lake	White Wolf ¹	5.4 miles round-trip, 3 to 4 hours	Moderate
Yosemite Valley via Porcupine Creek	Porcupine Creek ¹	7 miles one-way, 4 to 6 hours	Moderate, 3,500- to 4,000-foot loss
Yosemite Valley via Yosemite Creek	Lukens Lake Trailhead ¹	10.5 miles one-way, 5 to 9 hours	Moderately Strenuous 3,500- to 4,000-foot loss
Yosemite Valley via Clouds Rest	Tenaya Lake ¹	19 miles one-way, 10 to 12 hours	Strenuous
HETCH HETCHY			
Wapama Falls	O’Shaughnessy Dam	5 miles round-trip, 3 to 4 hours	Easy to Moderate

¹These are drop-off points via the Tuolumne Meadows Hikers’ Bus.

Featured Trail

Dog Lake/Lembert Dome, Tuolumne Meadows

2.8 miles (4.5 km) round trip

3-4 hours, 600-ft. elevation gain to Dog Lake, or 850-ft. to Lembert Dome

For a great view of Tuolumne Meadows from above and a close up look at a classic glacially polished granite dome, check out Lembert Dome.

This moderately strenuous hike begins at the Dog Lake parking area (shuttle stop #2, just west of Tuolumne Lodge). The trail rises steeply for 0.75 mile to a signed junction. Turn left to reach the top of Lembert Dome for a spectacular view of Tuolumne Meadows and surrounding peaks. To reach Dog Lake, continue straight at the junction.

Allow four hours for a leisurely four mile (6.4 km) roundtrip visit to both Dog Lake and Lembert Dome.

Stay off domes during thunderstorms! Thunder clouds can gather remarkably quickly in high elevation areas like Tuolumne Meadows. Lightning strikes are a serious threat during thunderstorms, and wet granite can pose a slipping hazard. Use caution!

The Wild & Scenic Tuolumne

By: Kristina Rylands



“What I love about Tuolumne... is that it is a place like no other in the world, with its own character and charm, history, and a beauty and spirit evident in each curve of the Tuolumne River, each granite slab, each rocky peak. This place is ethereally beautiful. From river-drenched low spots reflecting granite domes during the spring thaw, to pink shooting stars rising up out of the marshy meadow, to the great bowl of blue sky and stars stretching above, Tuolumne calls to the human spirit, regardless of who we are and where we come from.” (Individual from El Portal, CA)

The Tuolumne River is a story in contrasts: Vast granite escarpments as far as the eye can see, punctuated by lush subalpine meadows; headwaters in the rocky alpine reaches, including the Lyell Glacier, to rare low elevation foothill wetlands. Since the early days of Yosemite National Park, visitors have valued the Tuolumne River and Tuolumne Meadows for their quieter, wilder setting in contrast to the Merced River and iconic Yosemite Valley. It is a landscape that is both resilient, yet fragile, drawing inspiration and building lasting traditions for thousands of years.

It is no wonder that in 1984, 81 miles of the Tuolumne River—54 miles of which are in Yosemite National Park—were added to the national wild and scenic rivers system. Wild and scenic river status means that the river will be forever protected in its free-flowing condition, water quality (some of the most extraordinary in the Sierra) will be preserved, and the river’s rare and unique qualities will be protected and enhanced for future generations. Today,

the Tuolumne River, surrounded by federally designated wilderness within a national park, is perhaps one of the most protected areas in the United States.

The Tuolumne originates from two mighty forks—the Dana and the Lyell. These forks meet in Tuolumne Meadows for its last gentle pass before plunging and waterwheeling over a series of stair-step cascades to Glen Aulin and on to the Grand Canyon of the Tuolumne River and the Muir Gorge. From lush Pate Valley, the Tuolumne continues for trail-less miles to the mouth of Hetch Hetchy Valley and its reservoir. It is here that the Congressionally designated portion of river corridor is interrupted, exempt from wild and scenic river status due to the impoundment of O’Shaughnessy Dam. However, the wild and scenic river status continues below the dam and through the low elevation wetlands of Poopenaut Valley and slot canyons where few are fortunate to visit.

A Rich History

For over 6,000 years, people have returned to the Tuolumne year after year and generation after generation, drawn to the beauty, power, and inspiration of the river. These enduring relationships with the Tuolumne have been passed down through the stories, traditions, ceremonies, and songs—all important aspects of maintaining cultural and religious traditions among groups of American Indian people today. Prehistoric and historic resources attest to the evolving importance of the river as a seasonal hunting and gathering ground, a trans-Sierra trade and travel route, a place to connect with nature in a spectacularly wild and scenic setting. Along the banks of the Tuolumne River in Tuolumne Meadows were planted the seeds of the national park ideal. Troubled by seasonal sheep grazing in the river’s sensitive subalpine meadows, John Muir and Robert Underwood Johnson discussed a system of wildland protection that would prevent the type of destruction Muir witnessed from “hoofed locusts” and “meadow mowers.”

Remarkable Landscape

The river is home to the most extensive subalpine meadow complexes in the Sierra Nevada, which support an astonishing diversity of plants and animals. From Dana Meadows to Lyell Canyon and into Tuolumne Meadows, glaciers carved a long, low gradient where sand, silt, and organic debris could accumulate. In spring, the river overtops its banks and stretches into meadows, creating seasonal flooding that is vast and lake-like. While dramatic, this contributes to the fragility of meadows which act like a great sponge. The delicate environment—also believed to be still recovering from years of historic sheepgrazing—is extremely sensitive to trampling. Today, visitors can help with the meadow’s recovery by staying on designated trails.

Refreshing to the Spirit

After the turn of the 20th century, the arduous twists and turns along the one-lane Tioga Road were rewarded with carefree recreation and riverside rejuvenation in Tuolumne Meadows. Today, the Tuolumne River provides for a variety of wilderness-oriented recreational activities in an iconic High Sierra landscape where dramatic scenery, the sounds of nature, and opportunities for relative solitude shape the experience. From a roadside turnout on Tioga Road to deep into the heart of wilderness, there is something for everyone at any age.

Play a Part in Protecting the River

Far from placing rivers behind velvet ropes, at the heart of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act is the ability for people to continue forging connections to rivers. Once designated, the law calls for permanent protection and enhancement of the river’s free-flowing character, water quality, and unique values. To lay out the framework for protecting this national treasure, the National Park Service is preparing the Tuolumne Wild and Scenic River Comprehensive Management Plan for the 54 miles of river within Yosemite National Park. A draft plan will be released for public comment later this year. Watch the park’s website (see below) for release date and schedule of public meetings. **Learn more at:**

- Tuolumne River Plan: <http://go.nps.gov/trp>
- Tuolumne River *Yosemite Nature Notes* video: <http://go.nps.gov/ynntr>
- Wild and Scenic Rivers System: www.rivers.gov

Supporting Your Park

Enhance the Visitor Experience

It takes a legion of people working together to protect this special park for you and future generations of visitors. You too can extend your connection to Yosemite well after you return home by getting involved with the organizations that partner to preserve Yosemite.

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DNC Parks & Resorts at Yosemite

DNC Parks & Resorts at Yosemite (DNC) operates hotels, restaurants, sightseeing tours, recreational activities, interpretive programs, stores, shuttles and service stations in the park under contract with the U.S. Department of the Interior. DNC encourages its employees to develop a strong relationship with the park during their tenure. For

more information and employment opportunities with DNC at Yosemite, visit online at: www.YosemitePark.com



Yosemite Conservancy

Yosemite Conservancy is the non-profit formed by a merger of the Yosemite Association and The Yosemite Fund. The Conservancy has a long history in Yosemite with over 100 years of combined experience supporting the park. Yosemite Conservancy can make the difference you see around you because we are the only philanthropic organization that is dedicated exclusively to Yosemite.

Our mission remains the same: Providing for Yosemite's future is our passion. We inspire people to support projects and programs that preserve and protect Yosemite

National Park's resources and enrich the visitor experience.

The Yosemite Conservancy has funded over 300 projects through 60 million in grants to help preserve and protect the park. The work of the Conservancy can be found in every aspect of the visitor experience from trail restoration, bear-proof lockers, wilderness permits, wildlife preservation, outdoor education and so much more. Annually the Yosemite Conservancy recruits over 400 volunteers to work in the park to repair trails, remove invasive species, and provide visitor information.

For more information, visit park bookstores or go online at: www.yosemiteconservancy.org



Yosemite Institute

Since 1971, thousands of school-age children have benefited from learning in "nature's classroom" through the residential field-science programs offered by Yosemite Institute (YI). A YI experience strives to foster a life-long connection to the natural world—whether it is in Yosemite, on a city street or in our own backyards. YI also offers professional development for teachers, summer youth programs, backpacking adventures, community outreach programs and service learning projects. For more information, visit www.yni.org/yi.



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MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR VISIT: SPECIAL DRIVING CONSIDERATIONS

A record number of vehicles have been welcomed into Yosemite National Park this summer. At times this causes traffic congestion from 10 am until evening, with delays ranging between one and two hours long.

TRAVEL RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Bring plenty of food and water for potential delays.
- Park your vehicle for the duration of your stay. Driving from site to site increases traffic congestion.
- Ride the free shuttle buses to enjoy Yosemite Valley most easily once parked.
- Consider arriving early and staying late, or visiting Yosemite during the week.
- Enjoy the entire Yosemite region - consider visiting the surrounding communities of Mariposa, Groveland, Lee Vining and Oakhurst.
- Ride a YARTS bus to enter the park on Hwy 140 from El Portal or Hwy 120 from Lee Vining.

PLEASE BE AWARE:

- Congestion is greatest in Yosemite Valley and at Glacier Point. It is especially heavy on weekends.
- Parking lots are generally full by 12:00pm, and sometimes earlier.
- Vehicles on roadsides must use designated turnouts and pull off the road completely. Do not park on vegetation
- After reaching the one-way road on the Yosemite Valley floor, the only route to avoid the areas of heaviest congestion is the left-hand turn labeled for Highways 140, 120 and 41.

We ask for patience and understanding as we work to help you enjoy and experience the Yosemite region.

Want to get involved?

Join park and partner staff to learn about projects and plans at a free monthly public **Open House!** An Open House will be held at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center Auditorium on **August 31, 2011 from 1-4pm**